Bessey sees college debt increasing

By ROBERT FINLAY
Staff Writer

Niagara College will sink further into debt before it can balance its budget, the chairman of the Niagara College Board of Governors said.

David Bessey said the college must "live with" the $1.4 million deficit in the short term in order to benefit the college in the long run.

"We're hoping after 1992-93 we'll see (the deficit) level off and about 1993-94 we should start to come out of (debt)," he said.

Growth, not cutbacks, are the key to Niagara's success, he said.

"You have to spend money to make money. We have to spend money to grow and make those dollars to reduce the deficit," he said.

"If we wanted to retire (the deficit) we could do that by cancelling programs and laying off people," he said.

However, Mr. Bessey said, those options are not being considered.

"Don't look for what happened three years ago — major cutting, major layoffs — because it won't happen," he said. "The board made a decision two years ago that we're not going to cut programs. We've cut our programs as much as we can, now it's time to grow."

While the trend is to grow, he said that does not prevent the college from shifting employees within the college for greater efficiency or cutting programs with low enrolment or do not serve students' needs.

The deficit will not have negative effects on the students at Niagara, he said.

"It's not detrimental to the quality of education," Mr. Bessey said. "We're still spending money to provide a first-class education."

The deficit will force the college to do some "creative planning" in order to achieve its goals, however.

"It won't stop us, but it makes us do things a different way," he said.

Mr. Bessey said joint ventures with industry and raising community support are two examples of alternatives which could be used to help the college.

Niagara College has historically been underfunded by the province, which has caused problems, he said.

"Underfunding is one reason why we have this deficit. The funding mechanism of the ministry (of colleges and universities) is also a problem .... The formula is not fair. Even though they've been adjusting it, it's not fair to us."

Mr. Bessey said the college has complained for years about the funding but with no positive results. The province simply does not have the money to give, he said.

"They only have so much money...basically what they're giving us is what they can afford."

The answer, he said, is to become at least partially self-reliant.

"You can shrivel and die or you can grow with or without the funding," he said. "We're going to have to do it ourselves."

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CAROL BOETTCHER

Waiting in anticipation, Vernon S. Browne, a second-year journalism student, sits in his cardboard toboggan — a replica of the Peace Bridge — atop the Bunny Hill at Kissing Bridge unaware he would later win prizes for the fastest time and the most creative design.

Photo by Lynn Drapeau
First-year journalism student

Student wins at Snowflake Rally

By VERNON BROWNE
Staff Writer

It seems amazing to me that one could derive so much pleasure from so simple an exercise. Tobogganning down one of the trails at Kissing Bridge, a ski resort south of Buffalo, N.Y., for charity may seem simple enough, but when the contest requires one must build his own toboggan out of cardboard, tape and glue, the simplicity vanishes and is instead replaced by hard work and a sense of pride.

Building a toboggan to complete the run was the goal we had when my friends and I entered the Snowflake Rally at Kissing Bridge on Sunday, March 3.

The greatest feeling was knowing this rally had all proceeds going to Jerry Lewis' Kids — children afflicted with muscular dystrophy — but the joy increased when we made it to the bottom of the hill, and left with three out of four prizes, including the grand prize of a trip for two to Orlando, Fla.

We arrived early in the morning and were swamped with curious onlookers filled with questions. These people all had toboggans of their own. As we looked at our competition, we were sometimes fearful. There was a great variety of ideas, most were very good, if not original. The main theme seemed to be the war.

Ours did not involve the war, but rather a symbol of peace between the United States and Canada — the Peace Bridge.

It seemed to be a popular one — people could relate to it from both sides of the border. The trick, however, was getting into it.

The bridge was, of course, a replica of the real one; however, in the real one, I couldn't have sat in the water and had my head in the upper span with my legs wrapped around piers.

As I forced my body into our toboggan, the wonder of the crowd was palpable — the camera flashes continually lit up my smiling face.

Riding down the hill was a blur; it was so quick. It was all I could do to avoid the fate that befell so many others: running into the hay bales separating the lanes.

Afterwards, all we could do was wait with hope and anticipation. Our faces were filled with shock and wonder as our number was called as the winner for three prizes: fastest time, most creative design and the grand prize. We never thought we would take so many prizes on our first, but certainly not last, attempt at building a cardboard toboggan.

It was a great day for everyone — especially Jerry's Kids; it was a day we will never forget.

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Students face tough summer

By ROBERT FINLAY
Staff Writer

Students must be "realistic" in finding a job this summer, a Canada Employment officer says.

Vicky Guertin, project officer with the Canadian Job Strategy Unit in St. Catharines, said tough economic times may make it necessary for students to lower their expectations of what kind of jobs they may get and how much they will make.

"I don't think there are a lack of jobs, but the choices have been narrowed," she said.

With rising unemployment, provincial and federal government spending cuts, and poor performance of major industries such as auto-makers, students will have their work cut out for them to secure a job this summer.

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Vote will decide winner

Two Niagara College students will compete for the position of student governor for the college's Board of Governors.

Mark Sutch, second-year information systems student, and Brigitta Verbraeken, first-year educational resources and special needs student, were nominated for the position.

"I will be able to see how decisions are made at the other end of the scale," Brigitta said. "I want to be part of the decision making and have a say for the students. But I have to be careful not to voice my own concerns, but the decisions of the students."

Mark said he "wants to look inside and see what runs the college and how decisions are made. I think I could help the students."

Campaigning will take place until March 19.

Elections will be held March 20 to 21 at the following locations: Welland Campus: Co-op and placement, Tecumseh Centre extension, ME-103, Counselling, M-7, S-107-C, H-21, H-3; Hospitality and Tourism Centre, Niagara Falls; Horticultural Centre, St. Catharines; Mack Nursing Education Centre, St. Catharines — curriculum room; Mount Carmel, Niagara Falls; St. Catharines campus main office.

The elected student will hold office for the term Sept. 1, 1991 to August 31, 1992.

Votes will be counted March 22.

First-time recognition of women by region

By KAREN GIBSON
Staff Writer

International Women's Day, celebrated in Canada on March 8 since 1975, is a day to recognize women's efforts to create a better world and achieve a more equitable society.

Women's struggle for a better life began in 1908 when 30,000 female textile workers in New York City went on strike to protest intolerable working conditions in fire-trap sweatshops. The women carried placards with the slogans "Votes for women", "Higher wages for women", and "Bread and roses".

The slogan "Bread and roses" symbolized a plea for economic security and a better quality of life. The strike ended 13 weeks later with full contracts for women employed in the 312 shops.

At the second International Conference of Socialist Women in Copenhagen in 1910, German socialist Clara Zetkin proposed March 8 be set aside each years as International Women's Day.

The first International Women's Day was celebrated March 8, 1911 by several countries with the theme Universal Female Suffrage.

In its 81-year history, International Women's Day has come to represent women in many countries who stand in solidarity for equality and liberation.

Locally, the first Niagara region-wide women's day celebration will be held tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Catharines Collegiate, 32 Catherine St., in the Garden City.

The one-day celebration is held in conjunction with the 16th annual Canadian International Women's Day, held today.

Keynote speaker Dr. Susan Clark, vice-president academics at Brock University, will address the issue of how far women have come.

Two workshops are offered.

At 9:30 a.m., a workshop on women's sexuality will be held, while at 2:30 p.m., Native women's issues will be discussed.

Displays and an art show run all day.

There is no admission charge. Child care is available from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A women's celebration dance will be held at Unitarian Church, 225 Church St., St. Catharies at 8:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Deborah Toth, the event's coordinator, at 416-646-2309.

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Big hand for Big Brothers

First-year Educational Resources and Special Needs students (from left) Jeannette Thompson, Peggy Smith, Lisa Bruinsma, Teresa Van Geel and Kathryn Dzsudzsak present a cheque for $1,344.14 to Greg Whelan, executive director of the Welland Big Brothers Association. The money was raised at the Big Brothers Bowl for Millions held Feb. 2 and Feb. 9 at the Bowl-O-Rama in Welland.

Photo by Dave Johnson

Seven ESL students graduate

A closing ceremony for Niagara College graduates of the first English as a Second Language program for international students was held Feb. 22.

Gaylene Levesque, English as a Second Language instructor, introduced the speakers: Dennis Malone, director of English and articulation, and Hugo Bessems, international student advisor. Both speakers congratulated the students.

John Parrett, registrar, presented the following students with certificates for passing their intermediate level of English proficiency exams: Liew Shen Loh, Eiko Nishi, Mauricio Pereyra, Julie Ha, Ivy Ng, Klara Janko, and Masaud Idris.

Most students will continue with the advanced program for the new term which began March 4, Mrs. Levesque said.

Some will enrol in post-secondary studies at the college in September, Mr. Bessems said.

Masaud, a native of Libya, plans to study construction engineering in the fall, he said.

Mauricio is one student who will not continue studying English in the new term. He plans to return to Mexico. "I miss my mother and sister and my father," he said.

Three to five new students will be joining the March English as a Second Language program, Mr. Bessems said.

Faculty advisors, conversation partners, special tutors, members of the English department, and friends and family of the graduates joined in the festivities.

Student wins Florida trip for best toboggan design

The Snowflake Rally at Kissing Bridge March 3 found over 80 people to show their talent and have fun while showing their support for Jerry's Kids and muscular dystrophy and research.

Of four prize categories for making a cardboard toboggan and racing down the Bunny Trail at Kissing Bridge south trails, the winning design: a replica of the Peace Bridge — spanning the Niagara River from Fort Erie to Buffalo — won three of four including the grand prize, an all expense paid trip for two to Orlando, Fla.

The 11-foot Peace Bridge-replica toboggan, weighing 65 pounds, was the combined effort of five Fort Erie people.

The original idea was by Gary Engles; the main design was by Vernon Browne, a second-year journalism student at Niagara College. Much of the success can be attributed to Terry Runka, who put in the most working hours; and Tom Browne, who put the finishing touches on the toboggan with his painting skills. Some additional work was done by Darrin Funk.

The toboggan's construction was changed many times. When completed it had taken the five men five days and more than 50 hours. Construction began on Monday, Feb. 25.

After a week of hard work, the wax was applied to the bottom of the toboggan only hours before the race.

The toboggan will be donated to the Friendship Festival Committee. The festival takes place in Fort Erie and Buffalo every summer as a symbol of peace between the two countries.

Good news, bad news

The good news is Niagara College will receive $973,000 in provincial grant money; the bad news is $515,000 will be spent on a building the college plans to sell in two years.

About $515,000 will be spent on roof repairs, heating and cooling units, and cleaning and painting the Wellandvale campus in St. Catharines.

"I am not happy about it," John Saso, college president, said. "Unfortunately, we do not have any alternative because the campus has to operate and house students and staff for at least two more years and, if we don't make some minor repairs and that is all they will allow us to do, then, we won't be able to keep it running. However, if we could put this money into another building, we would be glad to do it."

About $458,000 will be spent to make college buildings in St. Catharines, Niagara and Welland accessible to the disabled.

"We are working on plans now and they will address these issues to permit special needs people more access at all campus locations," Mr. Saso said. "Specifically the money will be needed to provide more access for special needs, that is ramps, washroom facilities and all of those physical needs that special needs people require to gain access and comfort within our educational facilities."

The provincial grant money is not negotiable.

"If it is not used within a certain period of time (before March 31, 1992), we lose it. Under these circumstances, we would rather use it," he said.

Horticultural open house March 16, 17

The Horticultural Centre in St. Catharines is planning its annual open house as a showcase for its students and program.

"It makes the public aware of us and it makes people aware that the horticultural program is part of Niagara College," Tom Ball, coordinator of the Horticultural Centre, said.

The open house is scheduled for March 16 and 17, Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

In addition to exhibits and displays, a wide variety of plants will be sold including tulips, daffodils, crocuses, and Easter lilies.

A free spider plant (2¼") will be given to the first 500 to 600 people to promote awareness of the role plants play in purifying air.

The Horticultural Centre is located at 360 Niagara St. (just north of Carlton Street) in St. Catharines.

Parking is available across the street at Laura Secord Secondary School.

Some indoor plants helpful in alleviating air pollution

The role indoor plants play in cleaning air will be an important focus this year at the Niagara College Horticultural Centre's spring open house, Tom Ball, co-ordinator, said.

"Plants can do a lot to alleviate problems in the atmosphere," he said.

The Foliage for Clean Air Council, an American organization based in Virginia, sponsored research by Dr. Bill Wolverton, a National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) scientist.

His research established the efficiency of living plants at absorbing air contaminants. As a result, plants will be included in future orbiting space stations for recycling waste products, Mr. Ball said.

Tightly-sealed, energy-efficent homes and offices lead to indoor air pollution and "sick building syndrome," he said.

Common indoor pollutants are formaldeyde given off by foam insulation and plywood in walls, carpeting, furniture, paper goods, and cleaning products; benzene from tobacco smoke, gasoline, synthetic fibres, plastics, inks, oils, detergents and rubber; and trichloroethylene from paints, inks, varnishes, dry cleaning solutions and adhesives, said an article from the Ohio Florists' Association.

The NASA study found commonly used interior plants such as philodendron, spider plants, pothos, bamboo palm, corn plant, sanseveria, English ivy, and peace lily all removed significant amounts of contaminants from a test chamber. Chrysanthemum and gerbera daisies were especially powerful air purifiers, the article said.

Dr. Wolverton estimates 15 to 20 golden pothos and spider plants can purify the air in the average 1,800-square-foot home, the Foliage for Clean Air Council said in a newsletter.

Catherine Sinesac, a second-year Niagara College horticultural student, wrote her thesis on foliage for clean air. A copy is available in the library at the Horticultural Centre in St. Catharines for those who would like more information, Mr. Ball said.

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Funding formula unfair to Niagara

By ROBERT FINLAY
Staff Writer

The funding formula which determines how much money Niagara College gets from the province may not be entirely fair, Gary LaRose, director of financial services, said.

"I don't think the formula does anything for Niagara. We're somewhat disadvantaged by this system," he said.

Niagara College qualifies for only a 4.8 per cent increase in funding this year, about 1.5 per cent less than the provincial average.

"When you get below 6 per cent, it means you're not growing as fast as the other colleges," Mr. LaRose said.

Another reason for this is what Mr. LaRose believes are "flawed" geographic and economy-of-scale considerations the province uses to determine how much money goes to each institution.

"We're treated the same as a Humber or other large colleges who should be able to offer their programs for less than we can, and there are probably other colleges which can make the same argument," he said.

'We're somewhat disadvantaged by this system...'

The province recently announced funding for all 22 community colleges in Ontario, administered by the Ministry of Colleges and Universities, will rise by 7.3 per cent. The actual amount to be distributed to the colleges directly will be 6 per cent, for a total of $726 million. Each college is then given a fraction of that 6 per cent increase according to a funding formula which uses enrolment, geography and program weights as criteria. While the formula is reasonable in principle, Mr. LaRose said, giving more money to colleges in Northern Ontario and those with a student population of less than 4,000 can sometimes be unfair.

Niagara gets no adjustments because enrolment is just above the 4,000 mark and because of its location in Southern Ontario. Mr. LaRose said, however, Niagara is limited in its geographical area by the United States and the Great Lakes, thus reducing the number of people who consider attending Niagara, and yet is expected to operate as efficiently as a college with 10,000 students.

The result, he said, is "a student at Algonquin (a much larger college) is worth more than one at Niagara."

The good news, he said, is Niagara's enrolment is steadily increasing, and the financial benefits from this growth should be seen in the next two years.

"We're below average for the (provincial) grant now...(but) our enrolment has grown above average over the last two years, and that bodes well for the future," Mr. LaRose said.

Predictions are next year Niagara will get about the same funding increase as the average.

While Mr. LaRose believes the system may not be entirely fair to Niagara, he said there are many colleges in Ontario who would say the opposite.

Until the rules of the game are changed, however, college officials must continue to streamline operations, offer new programs and try to attract new students in order to save money and increase provincial funding.

Instructor off to USSR

Gaylene Levesque, English as a Second Language instructor at Niagara College, is being sponsored by a St. Catharines organization to teach in the Soviet Union for six weeks this summer.

"I'll be conducting teacher training workshops in Teaching English as a Foreign Language (at Lviv Polytechnic University in western Ukraine)," she said.

Mrs. Levesque is being sponsored by St. Sophia's, a St. Catharines religious and charitable organization which concentrates its work in the Ukraine.

"While I'm there, John Saso, Niagara College president, has indicated he's interested in my seeing if there's a possibility for student exchange," she said.

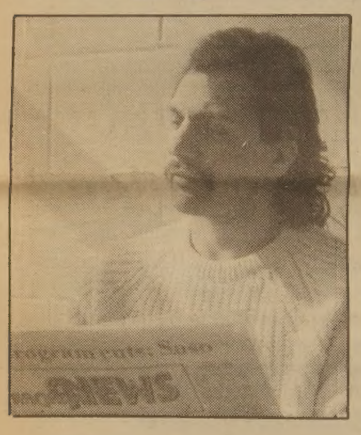
The republics of the Soviet Union are working towards independence and without English, the goal is unobtainable, Mrs. Levesque said.

Mrs. Levesque's grandparents came to Canada from the Ukraine and had a difficult life, she said. "I feel honored to go back so that the Ukraine can benefit by the sacrifices that my grandparents made. It feels nice to go back as a Canadian to help them (Ukrainians) advance some of their goals."

Roving Reporter asks:

What do you think of the student centre's name and of the method of selection?

Interviews by Neville Lewis
Photos by David Rempel



JOEL SORRENTO

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CLAIRE FLORA

Last month, members of the Student Administrative Council selected 'The Knights Quarters' as the name of the new student centre. The name was selected from a list of 108 entries narrowed down to six possibilities including Round Table, Knight Cap, Niagara Knight Club, Late Knight and Knight Life.

Prior to their decision, Student Administrative Council members consulted with 20 Niagara College students about their choice.

Quality air control student Joel Sorrento prefers the Round Table but thinks Knights Quarters is "okay".

He was unaware the student centre had been named and is dissatisfied with the small number of students who helped SAC in reaching a decision. The number should have been "way larger," he said. "It is such a small percentage of the student population. At least 100 people from a mixture of departments should have been asked."

"They used the Knights for the sports team, so I think it suits," Katrina Ferguson, 22, a second-year interior design student, said. She likes Knights Quarters but questions the method of selection.

"Why would they ask only 20 students? There is not much (SAC) involvement with students." Taking six names and distributing them to every program co-ordinator who, over a two-week period, would have obtained students' responses and relayed them back to SAC would have been a better method, she said.

"Asking 20 students is not fair," she said.

Robin Teale, 21, a second-year early childhood education student, likes the name, although she was unaware the student centre had been named. "It's all right," she said. "Quite suitable. I couldn't think of a better one."

However, she is unhappy with the small number of students SAC consulted prior to the final selection. "It does not really cover the students here," she said.

"It sounds all right, that's the name of all the teams," 20-year-old Ben Durk said. The first-year radio and broadcasting student said the name chosen is more than appropriate after hearing of the other five possibilities.

Although SAC's consultation of only 20 students "obviously does not" accurately reflect the student body, "I don't think it is that big of a deal," he said. However, he believes more students should have been surveyed.

"It's fine," Claire Flora, a first-year health science preparatory student, said. She prefers The Knights Quarters to all of the other possibilities, but expressed some dismay only a few students participated in the decision.

"It is not adequate," she said. "It should have included everyone since everyone pays to come here."

Claire said she does not see "too much trouble" in SAC's consulting the college's 3,000-plus student body.

BRTV producing Journal

The Niagara Journal, first telecast live at noon and 7 p.m. yesterday, will run every Thursday on local cable television for eight weeks.

The Journal is a 30-minute news and information program produced by the second-year students in the college's broadcasting department. The program will include news and sports information as well as entertainment news.

"Along with the newscasts we will also have a community calendar of events around the area, and a feature each week about the school," Dan Houle, second-year broadcasting student, said.

The feature is a three- to five-minute segment in the Journal focusing on a particular event or course within Niagara College. The first feature, aired yesterday, focused on the robotics department.

The Journal will be broadcast on local Maclean Hunter cable television channels in Welland, St. Catharines, Niagara Falls, Pelham, Port Colborne, Fort Erie and Thorold.

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Editorials

Stop whining, start solving

We've been hearing a lot of complaining about parking lately. Complaints about fines, lack of spaces, stolen permits. The Niagara News has been reporting on the parking situation since last September. It is clear there are problems with parking. One is the long walk some people must make when they cannot find a parking spot close to the college buildings.

There are people at the college, however, who don't have to walk all the way from their car — they don't have one. They must hope to get a ride with a friend or stand out in the cold waiting for a bus. We are sure any one of these people would be happy to have a two minute walk from their car instead of a 20 minute wait for the bus.

The parking system may not be perfect; we may not all be able to walk three feet from our car to enter the college. If you don't like the parking arrangements there are things you can do. Contact the Student Administrative Council; contact Linda Maidens, buildings operations supervisor, at Ext. 417; write a letter to the president of the college, expressing your concern; start a petition.

While none of these actions may get you a curb-side parking spot near the Simcoe building, at least you will have made your feelings known to those who can improve the system.

Robert Finlay

Still a long way to go, baby

Today is International Women's Day.

Some people may scoff, others may celebrate, and the majority may ask, "What do women want now?" or "Who cares?"

Women care who, 73 years ago, were not legally considered persons, or who were not allowed to vote. Women care who grew up in the days when school-book readers contained only the pronoun he and revolved around the antics of Dick and Spot while Jane politely watched. Even the dog was more active.

The exclusion of the pronoun she to describe unidentified people in books, newspapers and magazines is only now being addressed. Some authors include a footnote explaining the definition of he is to include females.

Believe it or not, this is progress.

Women have tried to be included by changing certain words to give a fairer acknowledgment of both sexes. They have met resistance.

It's puzzling why it's quite acceptable to drop the word man from chairman for some English purposes and not others.

For example, a person chairs a meeting, they don't chairman a meeting. The phrase "chairing a meeting" does not conjure up a picture of people waving chairs, so why should the title chair conjure up the image of a piece of furniture?

The fight to change words may appear trivial, but the fight to resist that change is even more trivial.

If roles were reversed, and the world used she in place of he, and chairwoman instead of chairman, men would question their rights.

Men are victims of social upbringing and a past that has rigidly labelled them as either men or wimps. Perhaps men do not feel the need to change these confining roles, but when they do, women will not stand in their way.

When women and men can agree the benefit of working together is for the betterment of both sexes, and women no longer need to fight for privileges, there will be no need for International Women's Day.

Karen Gibson

Bullpit

Household chores completed by her-elf

By KAREN GIBSON
Staff Writer

Every household has certain annoying chores that have to be done. Who does them in your house?

The members of my family no longer believe in the tooth fairy or Santa, but cling faithfully to the myth that a little elf magically appears to perform tedious household chores.

Every elf out there knows who it is — our-elves.

A typical elfish day starts in the bathroom. The toilet-paper roll lies naked on the floor; the bathtub has received more rings than the telephone, and the towels will have to sprout legs to get back on the rack.

The mirror is coated with so much toothpaste spray it could be mistaken for abstract art. A bar of soap sits melting in the sink and muddy fingerprints decorate the walls.

A trail of clothes leads to the children's rooms. Elves don't go into children's rooms; no one is that magically inclined.

A walk across the kitchen floor demolishes whole pieces of dry cereal that skitter into the farthest corners of the room. Milk is pooled on the table and falling through the crack onto the floor splashing the legs of the chair. The kitchen floor has taken on a new textured pattern with congealed blobs of the day's servings that grab at unsuspecting socks.

Two bowls of soggy-cereal sit staring at me from the table. I think momentarily of letting the children clean the bowls when they come home from school. But memories of splattered hunks of cereal encrusted on the toilet seat change my mind — better empty them my-elf.

Editor's Note: Karen is the mother of two children, ages 13 and 11.

Letters to the Editor

Smokers demand space

Dear Editor:

I'm a smoker and I'm appalled by the way I'm being treated by this college. If this school does not want us to smoke in the foyers then please find us a proper place to exercise our freedom to smoke.

It has been repeated over and over that when you become a college student you are mature enough to make your own decisions about your future.

On the other hand, this college is treating us like children, expecting that if we get sick of freezing outside, we will quit smoking. Someone is deadly wrong. It's my life, if I wish to smoke, then no one has the right to stop me from doing so comfortably.

I totally agree that non-smokers have the right not to be exposed to second-hand smoke, but smokers have rights too that are being denied. One particular item is mentioned continually — the Occupational Health and Safety Act. In this act, it is stated that smokers are entitled to a ventilated area within the building, not be stuck outside to exercise our free choice. No one is exposed to second-hand smoke and smokers are happy also. It should be considered by all non-smokers and the board which makes these decisions. What would it be like if the shoe was on the other foot? Smokers were allowed to smoke inside and non-smokers had to leave the building to be able to do something they enjoyed. Believe me, I know this sounds odd, but the consideration for someone's freedom is not there.

In the Niagara News, Mal Woodhouse stated he was looking into bus shelters for smokers, as far as I'm concerned this is not enough. Where is the heated, ventilated area? The bus shelters do not follow the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

It was also stated it would be too costly for separate portables. It should be considered that it would be too costly not to. Many possible students will choose a different college because of this policy. It should be noted that as long as something is not done to fix this injustice, smokers will continue to disobey the college policy.

Karen Schmous
Business Administration

Just the facts refreshing

Dear Editor:

I want to commend Karen Gibson on her unbiased article, (no doubt the sign of a good journalist), entitled "Pro-life, pro-choice agree — Bill C-43 not good". It is always refreshing to see a journalist who can write an article covering just the facts, leaving their personal bias for the editorial section.

I read with interest your commentary on Bill C-43. I once took the same stand as yourself and was a vocal pro-choice supporter and advocate. After taking a closer look at the issue and reading various articles written by the pro-life side, I gradually changed my stand on abortion.

I now believe the institutionalization of abortion is wrong, as it negates life, and the most unprotected of all, the unborn. It bothers me that in 20 years since legalization, the number of abortions has steadily climbed while the conditions of women's lives have remained the same. Society *has to come up with a better solution*, than abortion, for women facing crisis pregnancies. We owe it to both the women and the babies!

Cindi LoForti
Campaign Life Niagara
President

Centre name sexist

Dear Editor:

Re: New name for student centre.

Well — let's take a closer look at The Knight's Quarter's — a bit sexist don't you think?

Especially in this day and age.

Genny Weerdenburg
Special Needs counsellor

'I feel like a piece of meat'

Dear Editor:

Regarding the Letter to the Editor (Niagara News Vol. 21 No. 11, Friday, Feb. 8, 1991) entitled "Woman not flattered."

She says she recognizes "people watching" is an act which she enjoys although when she is the object of wandering eyes she condemned this activity.

I, personally, find that "the eyeball alley" is focused on the males walking to the mini-cafeteria. I feel like a piece of meat when I enter the hallway to the mini-cafeteria, but I don't cry to the Niagara News.

Any woman who complains of people looking at her is very insecure about her body and needs more confidence. I just want the girls to understand that the men are objects of discussion in "eyeball alley" just as much as the girls are.

Darren Forbes
General College

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FOCUS

Drinks, donuts, open doors at Tourism Centre

By JENNIFER BARTKIW
Staff Writer

Drinks were mixed, bread was baked and donuts were devoured at the first open house at Niagara College's Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls since the building opened in September 1989.

Four hundred students from 14 high schools throughout the Niagara Region attended the event Feb. 20. The half day tour of the centre operated from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. The students attended demonstrations, participated in hands-on presentations, watched videos, and sampled fresh baked goodies prepared by campus staff and students.

"We are going to try and make it an annual event," Patti Faragalli, event co-ordinator and marketing associate, said.

Visiting students who are interested in a career in the hospitality, tourism or culinary fields had an opportunity to see what Niagara College has to offer and the facilities available. "We wanted to educate the students as to what we (Niagara College) have to offer and to let them know about the different careers available to them after graduation," Mrs. Faragalli said.

It took "the co-operation of everyone involved" to make the open house a success. "We didn't cancel classes; therefore, the professors teaching had to put up with the disruptions and other instructors were involved in the presentations," Mrs. Faragalli said.

Many of the high school students were impressed with the Hospitality and Tourism Centre. "I made a point of talking to as many (high school) students as I could. They all seemed quite impressed with the campus," Mrs. Faragalli said. "I don't think a lot of them expected the type of architecture or the niceness of the facility. The hands-on demonstrations were great. It gave the students an opportunity to see them (facilities) being used." Also many of the secondary school teachers had never been to the new centre before. "It was nice for them to see what we (Niagara College) can offer their students," she said.

A sweet treat awaited visiting high school students from the Niagara region at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre open house on Feb. 20. Denis Morris Secondary School students from St. Catharines sampled the freshly baked donuts prepared by the culinary students at the Niagara Falls campus.

Photo by Jennifer Bartkiw

Mrs. Faragalli was surprised at how smoothly the day went considering it was the centre's first open house. "We had a little congestion in the morning with the tour groups overlapping," she said. "When you are guiding the (high school) students through in groups of 20 or more you are going to have small pockets of congestion."

Twelve college students from the first-year tourism program volunteered to be the guides during the Open House. The guides were responsible for greeting the high school students and taking them to the different activities.

"Not every location had a speaker. Some of the locations were walk through locations which meant the tour guides were expected to share any information with their group that the high school students would want to hear," Mrs. Faragalli said.

"The main purpose of the guides was to keep things structured and moving. The secondary purpose was to let the participants get a sense of atmosphere found on the smaller campus," she said.

The open house was limited to senior level high school students in Grades 11, 12 and 13. However, a bus of adult students from Kernahan Park Secondary School in St. Catharines also attended the event.

Mrs. Faragalli said the hands-on demonstrations and presentations were a good idea. "Students don't want to go and see seven different people talk. But when they can watch seven different people do what they do best — it can be a lot of fun," she said.

Mrs. Faragalli expected a large number of high school students to come to the open house, but admits she wouldn't have wanted any more to attend the first-time event. "We didn't want to go over 400 students for the first time through. With scheduling of the tour guides we didn't want the groups to be larger than 25 (high school) students — to make it controllable. We hit our goal," she said.

The Hospitality and Tourism Centre is located on Dunn Street.

New VP starts job

By JENNIFER BARTKIW
Staff Writer

When Carol Boettcher, vice-president of student life and human resources, walks down the corridors of the Welland campus she can't help being reminded of why she is here.

"I'm so pleased my office is here — in the college itself," Mrs. Boettcher said.

Mrs. Boettcher said she is excited about working with staff and students at the college and admits it's part of the reason she was interested in coming to Niagara. "I've done human resources and labor relations for a lot of years.... The exciting aspect of this portfolio is getting involved with the people that we (portfolio) are here to serve," she said.

Mrs. Boettcher's first day on the job should have been Monday but she jokes the college closed in honor of her arrival. She began Tuesday and spent the day meeting people.

"This has been a very exciting day," she said. "It's a good feeling; people have been very warm and they have made me feel that they are reallly glad that I am here. People have walked in and introduced themselves."

Mrs. Boettcher said she feels it's important to know Niagara College's staff and students before setting any long term goals. "I prefer to find out a little bit about who we (Niagara College) are and where we want to go and then together work on how we are going to get there."

The student life and human resource portfolio is responsible for co-op placement, special needs, counselling, athletics, health services, professional development, all three categories of staff — administration, faculty and support staff — human resource services, learning resource centres, student services and media print.

Her primary experience is in human resources and labor relations. The corporate goal she stresses is to help college leadership in areas that empower people to feel good about themselves.

"Some people call it staff morale.... Staff morale — good or bad — happens depending on the kind of services and programs you have in place."

"I think this portfolio can influence and empower people to feel good about Niagara College as a place of work," Mrs. Boettcher said. She believes another shared corporate responsibility is to help students be more successful and give them the attention they need.

Mrs. Boettcher said she is not inclined to see obstacles. "I see things as issues that need to be dealt with — not as things I will have difficulty getting around."

She applauded the idea of the new vice-president meeting college staff. "With three new people I think it's really important that we get to meet as many of the Niagara College staff as possible. They get to see us and talk to us. The faster that happens the better off we all are."

"I have been in the college system for the past four years at Humber College in Toronto as director of human resources," Mrs. Boettcher said. She has been chairman of the college committee on staff affairs, spokesperson for pay equity bargaining and training and development with college faculty.

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Big Sisters changes student's life

By TARA GRABELL
Staff Writer

For eight-year-old Nancy Robins, climbing out of her shell and leaving behind years of being an introverted child were difficult, but with the help of Big Sister Kathy Olsen she was able to change her life.

Nancy, of Welland, 19, and a first-year business administration student at Niagara College, joined the Big Sisters Association in 1980 and in 1981 met Kathy, forming a unique relationship.

"My mom got a phone call from Big Sisters saying that Vivianne Dilts (executive director at the time) would introduce me to Kathy .... (Kathy) came over and we talked about what kinds of things I liked to do," blonde-haired, blue-eyed Nancy said.

On Sunday afternoons, the things they liked to do they did — crafts, shopping, and visiting Kathy's relatives. "Her family is like my second family," she said.

Over the seven years they shared as part of the Big Sisters Association, Nancy's and Kathy's

NANCY ROBINS

friendship strengthened to the point when Nancy was "at the age where you couldn't be a Little Sister (16)," they decided to continue their friendship after leaving the association.

Successful friendships like Nancy's and Kathy's happen all the time in the organization. But at the moment, the association is faced with a dilemma — not enough Big Sister volunteers for the number of girls applying.

Joanne McKinley, executive director of the Welland branch of the Big Sisters Association, said regarding new applications that "our numbers have doubled in the last two months."

She said the increase might be due to more public awareness of the program or by school counsellors directing young girls to the association. "There's not a trend necessarily at this point," she said.

A lack of Big Sister volunteers is a "constant problem," Mrs. McKinley said. The association has about 54 girls on a waiting list for Big Sisters.

In 1968, the association was created so as to provide services for girls "with a need for companionship," she said. The agency was "initially...staffed by volunteers," and is now a part of the United Way of South Niagara.

Under the association's guidelines, girls from the age of six to 18 are accepted as Little Sisters upon referral. Big Sisters must be 18 years of age or older, "stable, mature, and have a love for children," Mrs. McKinley said. Those applying to be a Big Sister are encouraged by the group to make a commitment to spend three to four hours a week with their Little Sister for at least a year.

As a past Little Sister, Nancy has only praise for the association and especially for Big Sister Kathy whose commitment to their friendship "built up (her) self-esteem...and brought (her) out of (her) shell."

'It's going great'

Working at EPCOT

By RICHARD DOUGLAS
Staff Writer

As her roommate from Chicago passed by, Kim Engel sat in the living room of her Vista Way apartment sipping a cup of tea. Kim, a second-year Niagara College tourism student, tanned and enjoying a sunny Orlando, Fla. afternoon, was getting ready for her next shift at work. Soon she would be catching the bus for the eight minute ride to Canada: actually, the Canadian Pavilion at Disney World's EPCOT Center World Showcase.

The World Showcase boasts exhibits from 11 countries including Norway, Mexico and China. Each pavilion is staffed by student cultural representatives from the respective countries.

Kim is one of approximately 50 Canadian students who work at our country's exhibit made up of a series of shops, a restaurant and a 360-degree movie titled "Oh Canada!"

"I've always wanted to work here," Kim said. "I'm here for a year. That's what they offered me and I thought I'd take it. A lot of people are here for six months, but I think I'll enjoy it for a year. I've been here seven weeks. It's going great, really good."

Kim is working in merchandising in the Canadian boutiques and in the Trading Post, a log cabin building surrounded by totem poles and Indian style paintings.

"We sell a lot of Indian and Eskimo carvings, fur hats and raccoon hats," she said. "Everything is Canadian."

"A lot of people like the Canadian Pavilion as one of the better ones. They like the movie."

As a cultural representative, Kim said she has found dealing with people easy and the work enjoyable. "I've met a lot of really nice people," she said. "Other jobs, it's 'oh, I'm here just because I'm here', but at Disney it's more like 'I want to be here.' "

Arriving at the pavilion, the centrepiece of which is a recreation of a Chateau Frontenac-style building, Kim finds herself dressed in cultural costumes meant to highlight Canadian heritage. When she works at the boutique, she wears a simple blazer and skirt combination. When she works at the Trading Post, she is dressed in a lumberjack-plaid jacket, long black skirt and Kodiak-style boots. "They're (the clothes) really comfortable, but they're not really that good looking," she laughed. The boots are comfortable too, but as the Florida weather gets warmer, Kim said she does not look forward to spending the summer in traditional Canadian garb.

Arriving at EPCOT in early January, Kim was surprised by the weather. "It's not really been that great," she said. "The nights are really cold."

The weather may have been a blessing though. The cooler temperatures kept the crowd sizes down. "It's getting pretty busy now," she said.

Kim spent the first few weeks learning the job. Students are first taught about the Disney operation and how it works. Next they receive specialized training for their particular job at the pavilion.

Once a student begins to work, Disney offers a series of seminars. Kim spends every Wednesday morning in class learning what makes Disney a success. "It's really good," she said. "They'll tell you all about the marketing aspect of it and why people come to Disney World and what attracts them."

Kim plans to spend her leisure time travelling the area with a friend she has met at EPCOT. "We have two days a week off, but you work it so you get four days from two weeks back-to-back."

'I've always wanted to work here'

"We just got back from Fort Lauderdale," she said. Other plans include a trip to New Orleans, a Disney cruise to the Bahamas and a possible trip to England. "I really want to travel a lot while I'm down here."

When not working or travelling, Kim spends her time at Vista Way, the condominium complex established by Disney for the cultural representatives. Kim shares her apartment with students from Chicago, France and Norway.

Though a year away from home may seem a long time, Kim feels it is going by quickly and she is enjoying her time there.

"I'm getting a lot of experience and I think I've changed a bit. Back at home it's so different; you're always used to seeing the same people. But here, I'm meeting people from all over and watching the way they live. You really learn fast."

Kim takes another sip of tea. Soon it will be time for that long eight minute trip from Florida to Canada.

Wines and Mixology laboratory college's most spirited classroom

By RICHARD DOUGLAS
Staff Writer

With its row of stainless-steel sinks, glasses drying on racks and posters highlighting the world's wines, it is, perhaps, one of the strangest classrooms in the college's Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls, Ont.

For Peter Sullivan, it is heaven. What is it? The wines and mixology laboratory. Mr. Sullivan, instructor of the wines and beverages course hospitality and tourism students take, thinks it is an excellent facility.

"Previously we had to work out of a kitchen and while we were in the kitchen there was a cooking class going on at one end and we were going on at the other. We really didn't have a facility designed for this. Now we've got it, and it's really an excellent facility."

With the new lab's creation Mr. Sullivan continues to teach students about the business side of serving alcohol.

"What we're trying to do here is train people as entry-level bartenders, so a guy or a girl that goes through this program can go out to an employer and say 'Look I've got this skill. I may not have the experience, but I know 14 basic cocktails and I know the procedures used behind a bar."

Mr. Sullivan said an understanding of this side of the hospitality business is important in today's world. "You can either make a lot of money or lose a lot of money in a bar," he said. "It's the key profit centre in a restaurant or hotel. Bars quite often carry the food operation."

He teaches the second-year students two courses, Wines and Beverages I and Wines and Beverage II.

The first focuses on how to make 14 basic cocktails. Mr. Sullivan avoids fad drinks and teaches his students about "drinks that have been around 20 or 30 years and are still consumed by the public."

"They learn the bartending skills in the lab and they then go out and practise that in the (Hospitality Centre's) dining room on Thursday nights," Mr. Sullivan said. "It's one thing to sit down and learn the drinks, it's another thing to go and serve the drinks with customers sitting there. Out there you'll have a waiter and waitress come up and give you an order for six drinks, so which do you do first, how do you do it, how do you organize the whole thing?"

Students receive 25 per cent of their mark based on work in class and 75 per cent working in the dining room.

Wines and Beverages II delves into wines. "They are an important profit centre too," he said.

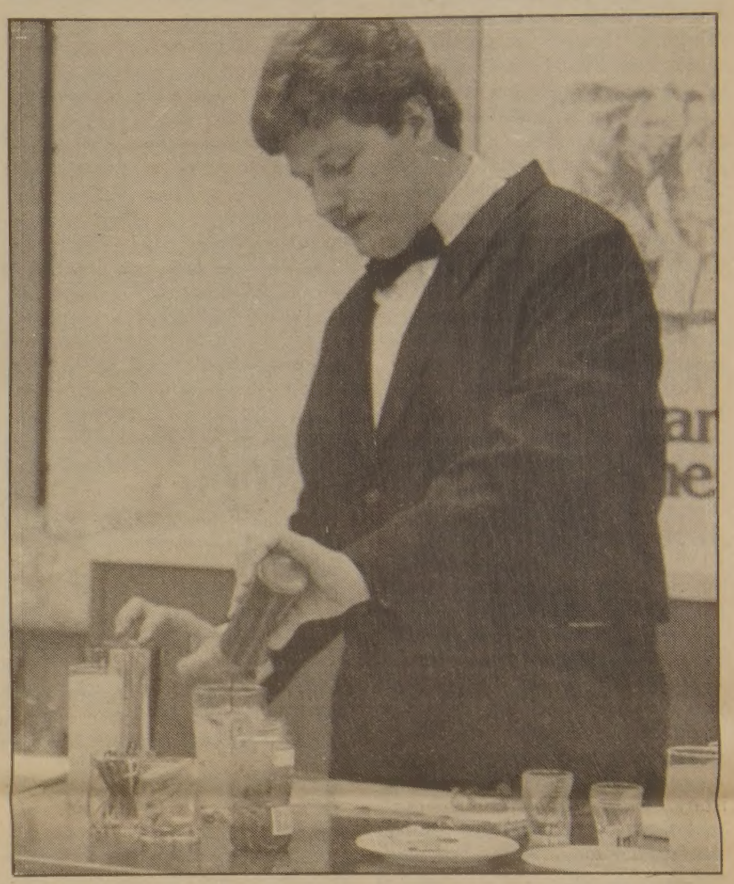
"People, now, are becoming more sophisticated in their knowledge of wines," Mr. Sullivan said. "In medium-priced restaurants, more and more, people are expecting wine with their meals. They see it as complimenting their food. If you're going to sell a product like that, you're going to have to have some knowledge of the product."

He teaches students a brief history of wines, how they are made and how to judge them. "I want them to evaluate a wine objectively," he said. "When I say objectively, I want them to be able to say 'I don't like this type of wine, but that's a good product.' "

He teaches how wines are judged based on flavor components, acid levels in relation to sugar and alcohol and whether or not the wine reflects the grape variety. He shows his students how a wine is judged by its aroma, bouquet and taste.

Students are assessed on knowledge of wines, how they are made and how wines are evaluated.

With a background in wines and beverages, students will leave the mixology laboratory with a better understanding of how the hospitality industry works and what place beverages have in it.



Working in the Wines and Mixology lab, Peter Van Helsdingen, second-year hotel and restaurant administration student, prepares a non-alcoholic Singapore Sling during the Hospitality and Tourism Centre's open house, Feb. 20 in Niagara Falls. The Wines and Beverages class teaches students bartending basics and fundamentals of wine production and appreciation. Photo by Jennifer Bartkiw

Students' Italian dinner offers gastronomic delights

Students at the college's Hospitality and Tourism Centre will hold an international dinner with an Italian flavor March 16 at the Americana Resort and Convention Centre in Niagara Falls, Ont.

Called A Tribute to Italian Gastronomy, the seven-course meal will be prepared and served entirely by students, Peter Van Helsdingen, dinner co-ordinator and second year hotel and restaurant administration student, said.The dinner will feature such gastronomic fare as small crepes filled with spinach and ricotta cheese, breaded veal chops, and sweets served at midnight.

Peter feels the night will be a big event as 200 tickets have already been sold. Complimentary tickets have been given to Niagara Falls Mayor Bill Smeaton.

"We have over 100 students involved which is a record for one of our dinners," Peter said.

Included in the evening will be an auction and door prizes contributed by local businesses such as the Skylon Tower, Red Lobster Restaurant and CAA Niagara. There will be a dance after dinner with music provided by Danse Musik.

Tickets costs $30 per person. If interested, call Beverly Williams at 374-7454 Ext. 602.

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Entertainment

'Sleeping with the Enemy' mixes terror, beauty and obsession

By LORRAINE GIBBS
Staff Writer

When I got home tonight the first thing I did was look in my closets, my cupboards and behind the furniture. What was I looking for? A ghost or maybe I just carried the spirit of Martin Burney home with me from the movie theatre.

Any woman who has been abused, any man who has ever abused and any man who is now involved with a woman who was previously abused will see himself or herself in "Sleeping with the Enemy" which premiered Feb. 8 at the Seaway Mall Theatre on Niagara Street, Welland.

Most chilling movie since 'Fatal Attraction'

Movie Review

The movie — starring Julia Roberts as Laura Burney alias Sara Waters, Patrick Bergin as Martin Burney, and Kevin Anderson as Ben Woodward — is packed with characteristic and terrifying symbolism and spine-tingling irony. "Sleeping with the Enemy" is the most chilling movie since "Fatal Attraction", and the best written since "Rain Man", scripted by Ronald Bass who also wrote this movie.

Director Joseph Ruben — "True Believer", "The Stepfather" and "Dreamscape" — captured the difference between a dominant male and quiet female environment. The two images throughout the movie of water and flowers — symbolize not only the changes in Laura's life and love, but represent the characters of Laura and Martin.

Water dominates the movie. It is shown peacefully, torrentially, and terrifyingly. Every scene of the movie leads back to it.

Martin — a cold, meticulous and jealous husband — overpowers and emotionally drowns suppressed and quiet Laura. His home is made of sharp edges and dark colors. It is a house of secrets and deception. It is sheer irony water saves inexperienced swimmer Laura from the most dangerous man she's ever known and becomes her alias, Sara Waters, in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Patrick Burgin, a dashing Irishman whose presence evokes mystery, was cast to play Laura's hauntingly charismatic husband whose obsession is to control the woman he loves. The director wanted someone relatively unknown for the character to avoid audience preconceptions.

"I think it will scare people that Martin is a person (the audience) has seen and met in life," Mr. Ruben said in a press release. "His drive for perfection is sort of an all-American thing, and it's taken to the extreme, it's frightening."

Laura — a flower waiting to bloom — leaves the dark, glass and concrete prison by the sea in Cape Cod, Mass., to live in a country home. Her new home has flowered wallpaper, flowers on the window sill, and flowers in the garden. She blooms from the quiet, giving, attentive Laura into the carefree, rebellious, girl-around-the-corner Sara.

Julia Roberts — who starred in "Pretty Woman" with Richard Gere and "Flatliners" with Kieffer Sutherland — plays a woman of unlimited strength. She executes every facet of the character with realism.

"Julia, in a sense, plays two different roles," Mr. Ruben said.

"As Laura she is literally acting for her life. She has to convince Martin that she loves him, is sexually attracted and is a devoted wife, because her physical safety depends on it. When she starts her new life in the mid-West as Sara, it's definitely a different character: more open and spontaneous, more alive."

If you ever wanted to know how towels or the contents of a kitchen cupboard can evoke terror, "Sleeping with the Enemy" will show you. These two seemingly trivial parts of everyday life show the power and control an obsessed man has.

The one message given by the movie that I found disagreeable was the character of Ben Woodward. It gives the message a woman running from an obsessed man should become involved with another man immediately.

Writer Mr. Bass did his homework in unhealthy relationships. He and the production staff gave the situations an almost eerie quality of realism.

This is not a movie for those who refuse to believe this kind of abuse exists in society. It is a movie for anyone who understands what wife assault is about and for those who want to stop this from happening to women.

I'm itching to tell the ending but I can't. A hint — mix terror, a beautiful woman, an obsesses man and then ask yourself 'Where are the police when you need them?' and you'll have the end of "Sleeping with the Enemy".

'Silence of the Lambs' a roller coaster ride

By KAREN GIBSON
Staff Writer

The Silence of the Lambs
Directed by Jonathan Demme
Town Cinema, 280 St. Paul St.
St. Catharines
Admission $4

The book is exceptional. The movie is excellent.

The book The Silence of the Lambs, written in 1988 by Thomas Harris, successfully makes the transition to film with few variations.

Movie Review

Make sure you get your popcorn before finding a seat — you won't want to miss any of this movie.

This psychological-thriller leapfrogs from one suspense to the next. The audience gives itself up willingly to travel vicariously with Clarice Starling, played by Jodie Foster, as she unflinchingly performs her gruesome job as Federal Bureau of Investigation trainee.

Clarice is assigned to question psychiatrist Dr. Hannibal Lecter, played by Anthony Hopkins. Dr. Lecter, nicknamed Hannibal the cannibal, resides in a maximum security jail cell and is a serial murderer who not only kills his victims, he eats them.

Clarice's assignment is to question Dr. Lecter about recent killings and skinnings by another serial murderer, Buffalo Bill.

Dr. Lecter toys with Clarice giving her obscure clues about the murderer in payment for personal information about Clarice's childhood.

Clarice must piece together the clues before the murderer pieces together the skins of his size-14 victims. The killer is sewing his own female body-suit.

Clarice competes against time and against sabotage by the jail's self-serving psychiatrist to save the latest female victim held captive by Buffalo Bill.

Several times the movie leads viewers' minds to anticipated conclusions, only to leave them in shock, gasping, empty-handed.

Compared to the book, the movie is restricted by time. The book allows the reader the luxury to become fully involved with character personalities. There is time to linger over and be enveloped in the buildup of suspense.

If you like the movie and want more of the same, read the book. A picture says a thousand words, but in this case every one of those words takes the reader on a bumpy, jumpy roller coaster ride.

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SUN NING (left) and YINA LIANG

Chinese professors 'busy' during stay in Canada

By ROBERT FINLAY
Staff Writer

Yina Liang and Sun Ning sit dwarfed by the immense conference table and large chairs of the Hospitality and Tourism Centre's conference room. The room seems to affect them the same way, perhaps, that Canada affects them — a little intimidated, a lot more fascinated.

"I think it's very beautiful, but busy...and I want to learn more and more," Sun Ning says, struggling to convey her feelings in a language she admits sometimes escapes her.

Yina and Sun Ning arrived in Canada Jan. 28 as part of a program to bring students and faculty from Niagara College's twin institution in China, Changsha University, to study here. They are the last two participants in the five-year program.

Yina is an English professor who taught students at Changsha University for seven years. She is a slight, soft-spoken woman who speaks English carefully and thoughtfully — as one would expect from a language teacher. Her husband and five-year-old daughter, Junyang-Li, are waiting for her in Changsha.

Many of Yina's students, she says, worked as tour guides in Hunan province where Changsha is located. She is attending classes at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls to sharpen her English skills and to see how Canadians handle the business of tourism. Her goal, she said, is to introduce what she has learned here to her students in China.

Sun Ning, also a teacher at Changsha University, specialized in computer science and developed her own program in industrial electricity, which she taught. She, like Yina, has a daughter, Sun Zhouer. She is 13, Sun Ning says, and currently in middle school, China's equivalent of high school.

Sun Ning splits her time between English, computer and robotics studies at the Welland campus of Niagara College. Her studies in Canada, she says, are expanding her horizons greatly.

"In C-language (a computer language) and robotic control I didn't know anything. I'm just beginning," she says.

Canada, they say, is an interesting place, although not totally unknown to them.

"Since the 1970s," Yina says, "people have had more chances to see or hear about the West."

The obstacles to enjoying Canada have been minor so far, they say. Except for an aversion to certain types of Canadian food ("I'm not used to cheese, says Yina) and some difficulties with English ("It is difficult to not think in Chinese," says Sun Ning), both have found their visit a learning experience.

"The people here work harder and play harder," says Sun Ning.

"I think Canadians take good care of their children," Yina says. "At every crosswalk there are people to take the children to cross the road."

Although they expected it to be cold in Canada, they did not expect it to be so warm inside the buildings: in China only the northernmost cities have extensive indoor heating. It is not uncommon, therefore, to have no heating at all in more southern, yet still frigid, areas. One can often find people wearing winter clothes indoors to keep themselves warm in winter in these particular climates.

Both professors live with Denise and Gary Marr in Welland, which both agree has been a beneficial experience.

"One of the advantages (of living with a Canadian family) is that they have to speak English at home," Hugo Bessems, international student adviser, says. "It also gives them a feel for Canadian culture."

For Sun Ning, learning English is the biggest concern at the moment. "I learned English in (high school) but at that time the people didn't think English was important. Now, a lot of people in government think it is important to study English."

Both admit the trip has been emotionally draining: Yina and Sun Ning miss their repective families. Sun Ning, Yina says, "is always waiting for a phone call from home."

Homesickness aside, however, Sun Ning and Yina are intent on seeing as much as possible while they are here. After their tour of Niagara is complete, in mid-June, they hope to travel in Canada until the end of July and then return to China.

"We want to see more of the country," Sun Ning says. "I'm interested in everything here."

International Women's Day greeted with college apathy

By JOAN GREAVES
and CATHERINE DENISON
Staff Writers

Today is International Women's Day. Niagara College planned no events to recognize it.

"Women's issues have taken a backseat at the college," Elizabeth Ferguson, director of student services, said. "I don't know that many of the students are terribly interested."

A survey of 11 students revealed varying opinions about the lack of recognition.

"It is a worthwhile issue," Bill Powell, Student Administrative Council vice-president of finance, said, "but other speakers have been cancelled due to lack of interest. Niagara College students don't want to participate — that's what it comes down to. It's very discouraging for Student Administrative Council members."

"I've heard nothing about it (International Women's Day)" Cory Abt, Student Administrative Council president, said.

Tracy Curtis, a first-year student in the human relations program, said she would be interested in attending family-oriented International Women's Day events. "Pay equity is not something I'm interested in....I'm getting married. I don't want to have a career. I'm just doing this for my mother. I just want to take care of my children."

Felix Lostracco, a third-year accounting student, was a student council member three years ago. "I think it's up to the student council. If council doesn't want to do it, you elected the wrong council." When Mr. Lostracco was vice-president, social and internal affairs, council members recognized International Women's Day by scheduling a speaker and an information booth.

Diane Mitchell, a first-year legal assistant student, said, "It's not right. They should acknowledge the fact that it's International Women's Day. Women's rights is an important issue; we're not where we should be. A lot of women would be interested. They couldn't have asked anybody."

"Women of all races are important and should be recognized for what they do in society and for what they contribute in the work force," Susan Sween, a first-year retail management student, said. She said she feels strongly about equal pay, not being looked down upon because she's a woman, and about sexism in the work force. Ms. Sween said she would have attended events scheduled for International Women's Day.

Melanie Webster, a second-year fashion arts student from Hamilton, said she heard about International Women's Day on the news a few days ago but she hasn't seen anything about it at the college. "I think they should recognize (the day). This area — Welland — is close-minded about a lot of things."

"Next year will be different. I'm going to make it (International Women's Day) an issue," Diana Harris, a first-year journalism student, said. "I would help to organize it next year — look out!"

Mark Denis, a first-year journalism student, said there is apathy about all college issues. "It has to do with the college student body in general. They come from all over the place. There's nothing to bring them together except SAC — and it's basically useless."

"I think it (women's issues) should be given equal time. Women's rights are just as important as men's — more so, because they are often neglected," Peter Sheehan, a first-year student in the ambulance and emergency care program, said.

Rick Andres, a first-year business administration student, said, "They (Niagara College) didn't recognize National Disabled Day either. The college does not want to get politically involved. I think everybody's issues are important. Women's issues are just as important as...disabled, black, and men's issues. Unfortunately, all issues are not considered equal."

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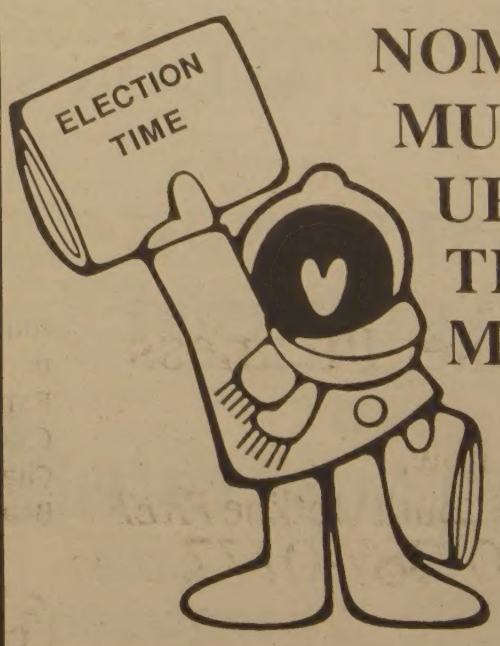

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SPORTS

Quarter-final win puts Knights in playoffs

Four unanswered third-period goals last Sunday resulted in a win and a berth in the playoffs for the Niagara Knights hockey team.

The Knights were playing host to Buffalo State University at the Welland Arena and won the quarter-final match-up 4-2.

Knight's Lance Parcher scored the first two goals off a Dan Ruetz assist at 16:14 of the third period. He tied the game 2-2 on his second goal at 5:07.

Buffalo had opened up a 2-0 lead after scoring in the first five minutes of the game. Lance Piscatelli netted the evening's first goal and had an assist on centre Dan Goldie's second-period goal on a power play.

With 3:15 remaining in the third, defenseman John Savarie scored, with assists to captain James Ward and Dan Ruetz, pushing Niagara ahead 3-2.

One minute later, the Knights latest frontline of Rob Hoath, Rob Scriven and Kent Loach advanced the defending champions one step closer to another title. Loach netted a goal with assists to Scriven and Hoath.

The Knights travel to Kitchener tomorrow and will play top-seated Erie Community College. A win would mean facing the winner of the Penn State-Conestoga College game.

The Knights are winless against Conestoga for the season and lost the last meeting in Kitchener 11-2. The Knights won one and lost two against Penn State during the regular season.

Jeff Mazi, No. 20, of the Niagara Knights goes for the puck after a face off with a member of the Penn State Icers. The Knights faced their International Collegiate Hockey League rivals during a road trip to State College, Pa. The Knights split a pair of games with the Penn State.
Photo by Dave Johnson

Basketball team nets 'shocker' win in overtime

Scott Currie, Rick Sinclair and Merv Wrighton led the Niagara Knights in an overtime victory, the first against an Ontario Colleges Athletic Association Division One basketball team.

"It wasn't as important as David and Goliath, but the men's basketball team pulled the shocker of their season by defeating Centennial Colts, a Division One member of the OCAA, 91-85 in overtime, right in Toronto," coach Todd Stevens said.

The Knights trailed 31-28 at the half but went on a run in the second half which saw them controlling the game's tempo until late in the second half when the Colts drew close finally tying the game at 63 with a three-pointer from Adonis Palomino.

Palomino's 25 points which included seven three-pointers and Prince Green 33 game-high points failed to stop the Knights. Led by guard Currie with 26 points, Sinclair with 22 points and Wrighton with 14 points, the Niagara men built a 10-point lead early in the extra time.

Centennial tried to make a come-back but only managed to cut the Niagara lead by four points. The Knights went on to claim a six-point win, 91-85.

Coming out the winner in a "battle against a formidable giant" on its own turf serves a sounding board for the Knights who are making a return as an exhibition team after years of absence from OCAA basketball, coach Stevens said.

"This is a bonus for us," he said. "We took the tempo away from Centennial, and we made them play our game instead of our having to play their street ball style."

Coach Stevens said he watched the Colts play several times this year and if Niagara had tried to play their "pressure and run" style of basketball they would have been out of the game very quickly. "We changed offences and paces to keep them off balance."

The coach said he has seen what his players are capable of doing against the "big" teams after several weeks of OCAA Division Two and high school level competition.

The game against Centennial was played Feb. 20.

Knights split two at Penn State

By NEVILLE LEWIS
Staff Writer

Outstanding defence and impressive execution during a trip to State College in Pennsylvania helped the Niagara Knights hockey team improve its chances of winning a second consecutive International Collegiate Hockey League championship.

The Knights split a two-game series with Penn State University on Feb. 22 and 23. Niagara lost 3-2 Friday night, while defeating Penn State 3-0 Saturday night.

Both teams are now aiming for the playoffs beginning later this month. Niagara College remains in fourth place in the International Collegiate Hockey League standings, behind Erie Community College, Penn State and Conestoga College of Kitchener. Niagara's regular season record is seven wins, seven losses and two ties. Second-place Penn State ended with 11 wins, three losses and two ties.

While at State College, both games were played before sellout crowds at the Penn State Ice Pavillion.

Although Niagara's defence, led by Brian Rome and John Savarie was outstanding, the goaltending duo of Mike Ticknovich (on Friday night) and John Bacik (on Saturday night), were excellent in both games, forcing the home crowd to applaud their efforts despite the fact the Penn State crowd generally booed their opponents.

Penn State outshot Niagara 65-39 over both games, but scored only three goals against Niagara. Penn State had 12 shots on goal in the opening period of the first game, compared to only two shots by Niagara. However, Penn State failed to score a goal.

In the second game, Bacik stopped all of Penn State's 32 shots on goal for the shutout. Penn State had 17 shots on goal — the total for Niagara during the whole game — in just the third period of the game.

During the second game, Niagara's Chris Smith scored early in the first period on the power play with assists to Mike Duerden and Rome.

Left winger Dan Ruetz put Niagara ahead 2-0 at 11:32 of the third period with an assist by Ken Bilodeau, who later himself scored Niagara's third goal.

The victory marked the first time Niagara had managed to shutout Penn State, hockey coach Fred Bassi said.

"It was a team victory," said Bacik, Niagara's goalie. "We worked hard. We hung in there for the whole game."

On Friday, the Knights survived a 12-minute shorthanded span in the first and second period but still fell short.

Andy McLaughlin gave Penn State a 1-0 lead early in the first period before Niagara's Lance Parcher and Kent Loach scored. However, with 3:21 remaining in the game, Penn State's Mike Messner deflected the puck past Ticknovich. The winner was scored by Mark Cervellero with 21 seconds left in the game.

"I think the game was well played by both sides. We just couldn't capitalize sometimes," said Niagara's centre Simon Wayda. "We were all over them all night. To tell you the truth, it was luck. It was just the way the puck fell, but it will be a different story in the playoffs," he said.

Niagara defeated Buffalo State University last Saturday (see separate story) at the Welland Arena to advance to the International Collegiate Hockey League championships this weekend at Conestoga College in Kitchener.

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College town turns into sports showtown

By NEVILLE LEWIS
Staff Writer

"Ladies and gentlemen, first, the National Anthem of Canada," the voice boomed.

Everyone previously seated stood up, right hand across the heart and eyes lifted to the red and white flag. From a rolled out red carpet, a young man in a tuxedo sings the anthem.

Such pomp and ceremony normally would be accorded to greater events. Of course, such a show could only come from a television screen; but wake up, Canadians. It is not Canada but simply living in America. It is showtime and it is live.

What the Canadians soon realized is any occasion can be a grand occasion across the southern border. But who would have thought that a hockey team from little-known Welland and even less known Niagara College would have created such a storm?

But it was definitely "coming to America" and the red carpet was rolled out on the opening night. The fans came out in numbers to see the "homeboys" as well as the defending International Collegiate Hockey League champions. Some, though, were more curious: one little boy asked to see what a real Canadian looked like.

As more than 1,000 fans shelled out $2 to $4 for a seat, a bevy of beauties made sure their guests were welcome.

"Hi, I'm Kristy. If you need any help at all, just call me. I'd be more than glad to help ya," a smiling blonde said in a heavy but charming Southern drawl which has echoes of television star Jasmine Guy. It is definitely a "diff'rent world".

Others smartly dressed and standing by stalls smiled pleasantly as one walks by trying to lure the game's attendants to make purchases of Penn State University sporting apparels, mementos and publications.

Purchases made, the crowd advances to the stands. A row of seats in the centre were cordoned off and a sign read season tickets holder only.

Canadians, accustomed to seeing almost empty arenas at home and in road games, couldn't help but say "season tickets — get a life, people."

Again, the saying "This is America. Everything happens in America," holds true. A platform lines the back of the reserved seatings. On it are the sports announcers, television cameramen, reporters and press photographers. Several ushers stood waiting close by; but all the available seats were already occupied. The Ice Pavillion offers seating on one side only; latecomers packed the mezzanine which overlooks the goal tended by Knights' Mike Ticknovich for one period and from where he could be assailed with their many pennies.

It is almost amazing how such a dignified crowd could be transformed into such a hostile and "war-like machine" once the national anthems were sung and the red carpet rolled off the ice.

Catcalls, loud yells, fingers pointing and wagging, unintimidated boos were minor infringements the Niagara Knights suffered. At times, the crowd grew much lewder and more boisterous. When Niagara's Chris Klauck was ejected from the game with a two-game suspension for cross checking and attempting to deliberately injure Penn State's Bob Kokal chants of "a-- ----" greeted his departure.

The situation was not the only occasion when obscenities were hurled at the visitors. Numerous Niagara penalties got the same reception. At the far end of the arena, at least 50 students took it upon themselves to taunt the Niagara players.

On the other hand, the home team's efforts received applause. A bull horn's constant blaring, rhythmic foot-stomping and hand-clapping with an ever-increasing tempo, and a well synchronized human wave movement right across the stand — all let the home team know they could do no wrong.

The supporters, however, meant no wrong and had no malice or grudge except to beat the Knights, always a strong team with a few surprises up coach Fred Bassi's sleeves going into the playoffs, Ray Lombra, Penn State's assistant coach, said.

Veterans and newcomers alike, the Knights stood tall and held the fort. The grandeur of the opening's pageantry, the full media coverage and full house never intimidated them. Even the betwee-period shows don't bother the players. The first interval's show, where local and popular Channel 10 WMAJ television Take This Job and Shove It Show's host Jim Gregory and arena personnel Brian Hasinger, entertained the spectators nor the second interval's McDonald sponsored "Score-O" puck shoot-out upset the players.

The Knights remain undaunted.

It was a showdown between "show town" and "hockey town". In the end, it was the Knights whose armors glittered as they shutout Penn State 3-0 the following night. After all, it is a hockey game and Canadians are simple people who lead simple lifestyles but enjoy hockey.

Like Bo Jackson, the Americans know sports, but Canadians know hockey.

Curling team places fourth of six teams in tourney

The Niagara Knights mixed curling team placed fourth of six teams at the St. Thomas Curling Club tournament March 1-3.

The Knights faced Georgian College, Confederation College, Mohawk College and Cambrian College.

The Knights are coached by Bill Bender and managed by Bob Young. Mr. Young has coached the Knights for the past 15 years and has been managing for the past two.

Team manager Mr. Young, a marketing teacher at Niagara, said the team played an outstanding tournament. "The whole team played well. I think that we could have beaten Georgian College and that would have put us in third place."

Georgian College handed the Knights their first defeat of the weekend by beating them 9-2. "The teams from the northern areas seemed to dominate the games," said Mr. Young.

Niagara faced Confederation in their second game and were defeated 9-2. The third game of the weekend, held on Saturday, saw the Knights, led by their skip Scott Banner, defeat Mohawk 11-3.

"Scott played really well this weekend. He's an outstanding curler," said Mr. Young.

Niagara lost 10-2 to Cambrian College later that day putting third place out of reach.

"Curling takes a lot of skill and patience and the team showed both, all throughout the tournament," said Mr. Young.

Sunday, the tournament's final day, saw the Knights win their second game. The team faced Fanshawe College handing them an 8-0 shutout in the 2½ hour long game.

"This was our year for rebuilding our team as all of the players are new to the college," said Mr. Young. "Next year with most of the members coming back we should have a strong team. We should do a lot better, the team will have more stability.

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Pictures of China by photographer as artist

By ROBERT FINLAY
Staff Writer

Thies Bogner is not just a photographer — he is an artist.

Anyone seeing Mr. Bogner's display of photographs at Niagara College's Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls would agree.

Twelve photographs in all are displayed in the halls and library of the centre. Seven are part of a collection taken by the award-winning photographer while in China. Originally they were to be loaned to the campus for the opening in 1990, but have remained for nearly a year and a half and become a "fixture."

"I very much like the way they look (there)," Mr. Bogner said. "I feel they're appreciated there...the pictures help give the hospitality centre an international flavor and give the photos good exposure."

The 16-piece collection of China pictures were on display at the External Affairs building in Ottawa in 1988 and toured Canada under the sponsorship of the China Friendship Society, a group dedicated to promoting Canadian-Chinese relations.

Mr. Bogner said loaning the pictures was a natural extension of his efforts to help the college. He has photographed a series of covers for college literature and has helped with international functions such as visiting dignitaries.

"If we all contributed a little more with the tools we have instead of expecting to get paid for everything, this world would be a little better place," he said.

Of the five other photographs also on display at the centre, one titled Niagara Sunrise, which was officially donated by Mr. Bogner, is permanently displayed in the centre's library.

A master of photographic arts (MPA) and a Fellow of the Professional Photographers of Ontario, Mr. Bogner has won accolades throughout his 26-year photographic career in Welland, including four awards from the Professional Photographers of Canada, photographer of the year from the Professional Photographers of Ontario in 1985, and the distinction of having 17 pictures in the National Archives of Canada.

Mr. Bogner took the photographs during two trips to China in 1983 and 1987. He has since developed an interest in China.

"I never expected to see such physical beauty. I've become gung-ho on promoting China. The people are extremely warm and friendly, and the countryside is extremely beautiful," he said.

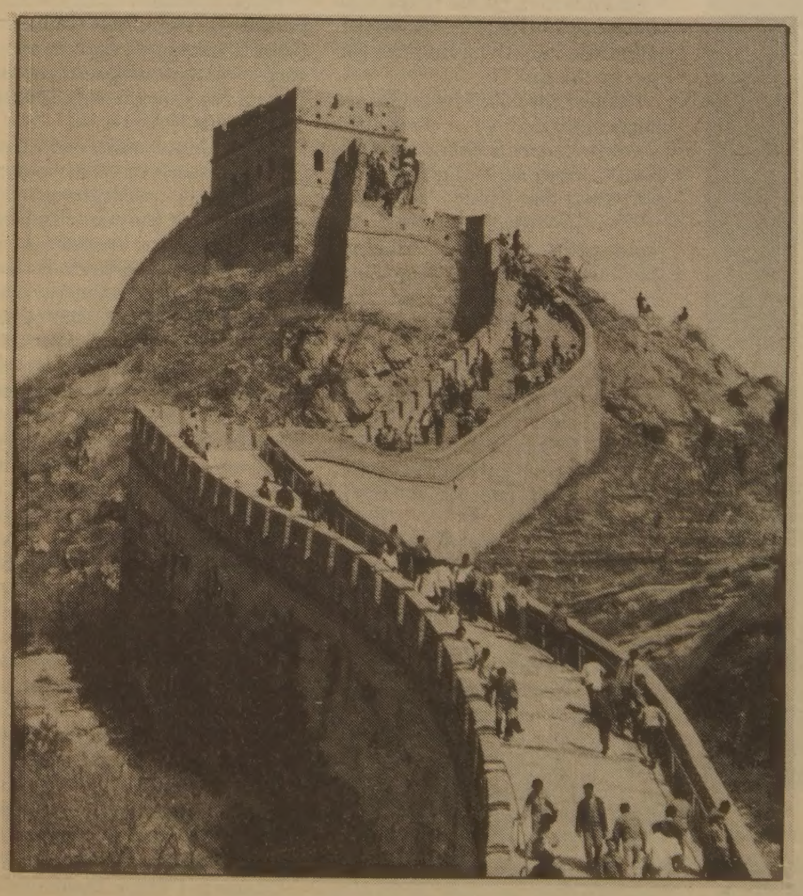
Many of the photographs display not only the scenery of China, but the people as well.

"I have become a keen observer of the human condition," he said. "I appreciate the beauty each person has."

One of the scenic photos in the collection was taken at the end of an arduous hike up a steep mountain in China. The entire area was fogged in and thunderstorms soaked everyone on the climb, Mr. Bogner said, but a beautiful photograph emerged from the ordeal.

"These kinds of peak experiences are very rewarding," he said. "Just being part of the experience is the biggest thrill in the world."

Photos clockwise from top: Photographer Thies Bogner in front of "Winter Wonderland" at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre; Proud Father — Beijing; Early Morning Travellers on the Grand Canal; Great Wall; Morning Mist Reflection. **All photos courtesy of Thies Bogner.**



Nutrition month promotes awareness

By ROBBIE CRAINE
Staff Writer

March is National Nutrition Month. A Niagara Nutrition Committee has been formed. Activities are planned on regional and local levels to promote good nutrition.

The month was established to "designate a certain time of the year when the Canadian Dietetic Association carried out an awareness campaign," Cynthia Paul, manager of Therapeutic Food Services at the St. Catharines General Hospital, said.

This year's campaign theme is Healthy Eating is in Store for You. The emphasis is on the consumer being aware of what he or she is buying.

"You have to get to the grassroots, to the grocery store," Mrs. Paul said.

To help consumers shop for healthy food choices, Ellen Wodchis, nutritionist with the Regional Niagara Health Services department, will be speaking at local libraries. She will give armchair tours of the supermarket, teaching consumers how to read labels and how to follow the new Canada Guidelines for Healthy Eating.

"Along with promoting the guidelines, it (Nutrition Month) is an educational thrust with respect to nutrition labelling," Mrs. Paul said.

Nutrition labelling is voluntary in Canada. More manufacturers are complying as more consumers want the information, she said. Nutrition labelling includes ingredient list, nutrition information, fat content, cholesterol content, fibre content, and vitamins and minerals.

The new Canada Guidelines for Healthy Eating tell consumers to enjoy a variety of foods; emphasize cereals, breads, other grain products, vegetables, and fruits; choose low-fat dairy products, lean meats, and foods prepared with little or no fat; achieve and maintain a healthy body weight by enjoying regular physical activity and healthy eating; and limit salt, alcohol, and caffeine.

To help consumers follow the guidelines, a free telephone service will operate this month. Dial-a-Dietitian will be offered from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays.

A person with a nutrition question can call 1-416-641-4474. The call will be answered by a machine. Registered professional dietitians have volunteered to return the calls, Mrs. Paul said.

A regional food drive to benefit the Food Bank of Niagara will be held. Bins will be located at the St. Catharines General Hospital, Greater Niagara General Hospital in Niagara Falls, Hotel Dieu Hospital and Shaver Hospital, both in St. Catharines, Douglas Memorial Hospital in Fort Erie and the Niagara Peninsula Rehabilitation Centre in St. Catharines during the week of March 18-28, Mrs. Paul said.

"We're going to be identifying preferred types of good donations, (but) we'll appreciate receiving anything," she said.

Donations of non-perishable items from the four food groups are requested.

Mrs. Paul and her staff will be organizing healthy meal deals in the hospital cafeteria, messages on the patient menus, displays and quizzes in the cafeteria, and showing a new video called "Shopping Heart Smart" on the hospital television channel.

The St. Catharines General Hospital offers two nutritional programs year-round. The first, The Healthy Weigh, is a weight management program. Cholesterol Countdown teaches people about heart health, nutrition, and cholesterol management, Mrs. Paul said. Greater Niagara General Hospital has a weight management program.

As there is no funding for the programs, the hospital must charge participants. The groups are limited to 10 people.

"They're not a number; they're an active participant in the learning process," Mrs. Paul said.

For more information on nutrition, call Dial-a-Dietitian at 1-416-641-4474, the Niagara Regional Health Services department, or the dietitian at your local hospital.

Spinnin' tunes a disc jockey's delight

By DAVE JOHNSON
Staff Writer

When you enter a bar or a wedding reception, party or banquet, music usually is the first thing you notice. Most people don't even wonder where the music is coming from. It's something that's not given a second thought. People just assume the sound assaulting their ears will continue.

Some people, however, do wonder. Chances are if you investigate you'll find someone like Mark Hilchey.

Mark, a disc jockey for the past 13 years, owns Danse Musik, a disc jockey service, based in St. Catharines. "I was always the kid on the block with a stereo system and lots of records. Music is something I've always liked," said Mark.

"I started Danse Musik five years ago after working for another service in London and freelancing for awhile. I wanted to work on my own, be my own boss.

"I could make more money in my profession (Mark graduated from Niagara College's welding engineering technician program in 1986), but I like being my own boss."

Disc jockeying nets Mark a gross monthly income of about $10,000. However, he has to pay his employees, buy new albums and compact discs, and upgrade equipment constantly.

Danse Musik, which started out with Mark doing all the work, employs six full-time disc jockeys and eight part-time disc jockeys. Mark services six local clubs: Jack Astors, McCabe's, Ricki Joe's, Chumley's, Cap's Bar and Grill all in St. Catharines and the Harbourfront Inn in Port Colborne.

"Some people don't realize that it's actually cheaper, in the long run, to have a service in their bar," said Mark. A service is less of a headache for the owner. It costs more to keep hiring and firing a single disc jockey."

With a service, if one disc jockey is sick another can be called to take his place. "That's an advantage that I have over individual disc jockeys, I can place any one of my employees in a bar and know they'll perform well."

Derek Bailey, a second-year law and security student at Niagara, who works for Mark as a roadie, agrees with him. "All of his guys are very good, they're very professional."

"Mark provides a really good service. He sets up consultations with people who are going to be married to make sure everything goes right," Derek said.

Ed Zuckchet, owner of the Harbourfront Inn, said he thinks it's worth the money having the service in the bar.

"I know that the format for the music is all laid out. I don't have to worry about it changing from week to week as it might with an individual disc jockey."

"I've provided sound for conferences for the U.S. government, the Ontario Electrical League and for Blythe and Co. for their Murder Mystery nights," Mark said.

"Mark also provides the equipment for all of the Majic 102.5 FM road shows in Canada," said Derek. "I've gone as far as Guelph and Pickering moving the sound and light systems for the Majic 102 road show."

When asked about the imminent demise of records, 12-inch singles and extended plays, Mark replied he doesn't really want to see everything switch over to compact discs. "CDs are too perfect, the sound is very harsh."

"There is no talent involved in playing CDs, all you have to do is program the music and watch the numbers count down. With records you have something to hold on to. You can play with a record, whereas with a CD, the machine does the work, there is no physical contact."

For more information contact Mark at (416) 646-1010.

Welcome to Niagara

Niagara College's staff welcomed the three new vice-presidents — Dan Patterson, vice-president of community ventures; David Schleich, vice-president of academics and Carol Boettcher, vice-president of student life and human resources — with smiles and handshakes at an informal gathering Wednesday. Mr. Patterson (centre) met one on one with many people from the administration, faculty and support staff.

Photo by Jennifer Bartkiw

Information on upgrading

The Degree Information Day held at Mack campus Feb. 28 was a success.

"I thought it was excellent," Marilyn Quinn, a nursing instructor at the campus, said.

The day was organized to give information to registered nurses and RN students on upgrading their college diplomas to bachelor of science in nursing degrees. The College of Nurses and the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario are predicting a bachelor of science in nursing will be a requirement in the nursing field by the year 2000.

About 175 people attended the information session held from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Mrs. Quinn said.

"At 2 p.m., we had a whole roomful of people waiting for us to open the doors," she said.

Some people who could not attend called the campus asking for information.

Representatives from Niagara University, D'Youville College and Buffalo State came from the U.S. Brock University, McMaster University, and Ryerson in Canada had tables as well, Mrs. Quinn said.

The Registered Nurses Association of Ontario had a table to discuss loans and scholarships, and Continuing Education was available to provide information.

Niagara College President John Saso attended the session as did John Parrett, registrar; David Schleich, vice-president of academics; Anne Rumble, administrative assistant to Mr. Schleich; and Nancy Cain, director, continuing education division.

Mr. Saso said he was pleased with the comments he heard from the participants and suggested the degree information day become a yearly event, Mrs. Quinn said.

CHSC radio station interviewed participants and aired the interviews the next day, she said.

"I was pleased."

RNA grads given awards

Three students in the Niagara Peninsula Industrial Education Council sponsored registered nursing assistant program received special recognition at graduation ceremonies Feb. 15.

Robin MacAuley and Diane Cormier received the council's Chairman's Commendation Awards while the council's Chairman's Award for Program Attendance went to Adelaide Holmes. Adelaide received a perfect attendance award in Sept. 1989 as well.

The awards were presented by David Wiebe, executive director of Niagara Peninsula Industrial Education Council. Speeches were given by Mr. Wiebe; Dan Patterson, vice-president of community ventures; Ken Atkinson, Tory MP; and Susan Jackson, class valedictorian.

Each of the 22 graduates received a certificate from the council, a long-stemmed red rose, and a dark green band for their caps. The dark green bands signify completion of the registered nursing assistant program.

Alternate alert

Mack Campus needs an alternate representative on the task force for personal safety.

Interested Mack students are asked to leave a note in Celia's mailbox at the campus. Her mailbox is No. 197.

MP Gib Parent (left), Niagara College professor James Nicholas (third from left), Welland Mayor Roland Hardy, and Fort Erie Mayor John Teal (far right) present retired Maj.-Gen. Leonard V. Johnson (second from left) with the United Nations Peacemaker award. Maj.-Gen. Johnson spoke at the Welland-Fort Erie United Nations Association 10th anniversary dinner last Saturday at the Welland Indoor Soccer Club on Rice Road in Welland. The topic of the evening was the war in the Persian Gulf.

Association gives awards to local peacemakers

Niagara College economics professor Anthony Goss was one of several award recipients at the 10th Anniversary celebrations of the Welland-Fort Erie Chapter of the United Nations Association last Saturday night in Welland.

Chapter founding member Madeline Urquart presented Mr. Goss with a UN Citation Award recognizing his efforts with the chapter.

Also receiving awards were the evening's guest speaker peace activist retired Maj.-Gen. Leonard V. Johnson, who received the UN Peacemaker Award, and Fort Erie residents Patricia Anzovino and Patrick Hannigan. The latter two run a home for refugees, Casa El Norte, in the border town.

Niagara College professor James Nicholas presented a UN Citation Award to Burlington, Ont. scientist and environmentalist Doctor Salem Rao. He is known for his work at the Inland Water Research Institute in Burlington and is the author of over 100 books and articles on environmental issues.

Photo and stories by Lorraine Gibbs

Maj.-Gen. calls Gulf war 'slaughter'

By LORRAINE GIBBS
Staff Writer

It will take more than a decade and $250 billion to rebuild Kuwait and Iraq, retired Maj.-Gen. Leonard V. Johnson told more than 150 people at the Welland-Fort Erie United Nations Association 10th anniversary dinner last Saturday at the Welland Indoor Soccer Club on Rice Road.

During his 25-minute speech, Maj.-Gen. Johnson talked about his concerns with the UN's Security Council and the arms market.

"I take no pride whatever in (the Persian Gulf war). That war to me was not far off the bombing of Nagasaki and Hiroshima. Bombing and helping to slaughter a defeated army is not my idea of war," Maj.-Gen. Johnson said.

His speech touched on why the Persian Gulf war started, the consequences of the war and how future wars of this kind can be prevented.

Maj.-Gen. Johnson has been involved with peacekeeping organizations such as the Veterans Against Nuclear War, Generals for Peace, Project Ploughshares and acts as a consultant for the World Council of Churches for Disarmament.

The audience included Welland Mayor Roland Hardy, Fort Erie Mayor John Teal, Welland-St. Catharines-Thorold MP Gib Parent, John Stack, chapter president, and chapter vice-president Alan Strojin.

"I am pleased to see such a large membership and to see so many young people here," Maj.-Gen. Johnson said in his opening remarks. "The future belongs to the young."

"I think it's very relevent to be here at this particular time, only 48 hours after peace is established," Fort Erie Mayor John Teal said welcoming Maj.-Gen. Johnson. "After three or four months of combat and 100 hours in a ground war we get an idea of how close we can come to such a terrible abyss. Let's not come that close again."

The UN, opposed to war for 10 years in the region, is "like a voice crying in the wilderness," Mr. Teal said. "The world is too small for our generation not to regard it as the family of man."

Maj.-Gen. Johnson identified two reasons for the killing in the Middle East: to liberate Kuwait and to demonstrate aggression can't be tolerated, rewarded or left unpunished.

SANCTIONS FAIL

Sanctions against Iraq were declared a failure after three months, even though 97 per cent of oil exports and 90 per cent of imports were cut off, he said. Diplomacy, too, failed.

"Saddam Hussein could not accept the conditions that he was given . . . . I don't believe he was given any chance to escape humiliation or to escape from the predicament he was in with his pride intact. This was a choice that no self-deluded and proud man could accept."

Maj.-Gen. Johnson resides in Westport, Ont. with his wife Shirley. He served with the Royal Canadian Air Force for 34 years starting in 1950. He is the father of four children and grandfather of two. At his retirement in 1984, Maj.-Gen. Johnson was commandant of the National Defense College. He is the author of A General for Peace.

"The war was won before the ground war began, but (U.S. President George Bush) did not accept victory so long as (Saddam Hussein's) battered army survived. It reduced the war to a struggle between bullies," he said.

"The haste to dismiss sanctions and the rapid American build-up in the Gulf lends further credence to believe that Bush wanted this war."

Maj.-Gen. Johnson compared the war to the invasions of Granada, Libya, Panama and Nicaragua.

"Nobody will ever know how many soldiers and civilians were killed, injured, orphaned, widowed and made homeless and jobless because human lives were of little consequence in this war," he said.

The consequences of the Persian Gulf war are numerous, Maj.-Gen. Johnson said.

Kuwait can afford to rebuild, but Iraq still owes for its war with Iran and now owes Kuwait for damages, he said. Iraq will have to find the $200 billion.

"Iraq is going to be an impoverished Third World state with desperate living standards, one of the poorest (nations) in the world unless it has substantial help from its former enemies. It's hard to see that Iraq will be anything but an impoverished ruin for years to come."

CONFLICT ESCALATES

The war will escalate the Arab/Israeli conflict.

"Without firing a shot, Israel will come out of the war with her Arab enemies destroyed or bought off, and stronger political support than before," Maj.-Gen. Johnson said.

"No force on earth is likely to be able to compel the Israelis to withdraw from the Arab territories despite UN resolutions."

The Palestinians on the losing side of the war are in the hands of Israel.

"Who will stand up for the Palestinians now that peace is at hand? Nobody. The Israelis will be able to do with them as they please, and the Palestinians will take what they are offered," he said.

From oil slicks and aerial bombings, Iraq will suffer environmental damage for years to come.

"Thousands of Iraqis will die from waterborn diseases," he said.

The immediate task is to clean up the battlefields and withdraw most of the foreign forces from the region, but "some kind of peacekeeping force will be needed to restore essential services, or epidemics and famine will multiply at will."

Before and throughout the war a number of world leaders spoke of a new world order. In his welcoming speech to Maj.-Gen. Johnson, MP Parent said, "We have heard a great deal about the new world order. What you have been seeing the last six months is not the new world order."

"The new world order will come when nations and people can sit down and discuss their problems and come to solutions without slaughtering and massacring or maiming one another," he said. "The new world order will take as a premise that war and the weapons of war have to be obsolete."

"We hear talk about heroism in battle . . ., but the great heroes of the world are the peacemakers. I don't know how history is going to judge this war, but I do know that when you have a war where you have casualities on one side of 200 to 300 . . .and on the other side of 150,000 I don't know if that is a just war. History will be the judge of that."

Mr. Parent continued. "There are many of us at the House of Commons who believe that there is another way to solve problems besides war and, God willing, there will be a new world order one day, and the institution for that new world order I hope will be the United Nations."

Maj.-Gen. Johnson agreed. "A more hopeful new world order would be based on co-operative security . . . which includes economic, social and political factors and cannot be achieved by any one nation alone."

Regional and co-operative security are ways to prevent this type of war from happening, he said.

WAR PREVENTION

The first commitment to war prevention includes peaceful resolution of disputes, non-oppressive defence postures, elimination of weapons of mass destruction, conventional arms limitations, and controls over the arms trade and confidence-building measures, Maj.-Gen. Johnson said.

"I think one of the good effects of the war is the considerable increase in the interest in these measures," he said.

"This requires recogniton that security . . . can only be achieved by co-operation. The Middle East must never again be the cockpit for imperialist rivalry."

Regional self-determination and non-intervention are the watchwords, he said.

"We simply have to get our white Western hands out of Arab lands and Arab business."

"Iraq became a military threat to her neighbors with the help of the five permanent members of the Security Council who armed and supported her in her war with Iran," Maj.-Gen. Johnson said.

"Saddam Hussein would not have been strong enought to start this war. It should not have been necessary to relearn the lesson that dictators with weapons will often use them against weaker neighbors."

"I don't think we should have international peace and security in the hands of five once-great powers. We need to find something better."

"The American public has been generally supportive of presidents who win wars; but this war was the Pentagon's last great shot. It expended weapons on a Third World power and those weapons cannot be replaced."

Reconstruction and economic recovery can be attained through two channels, Maj.-Gen. Johnson said.

One is in the form of an oil surcharge to western countries, which will help repair damages, create economic incentives, make the need to find renewable sources of energy greater and force us to adapt the economy to the day when oil runs out, he said.

The other would be more equitable distribution of wealth in a region dominated by futile governments, he said.

"The Israeli/Arab conflict must be settled," Maj.-Gen. Johnson cited as one of his options of resolving Middle East conflicts. "Israel has the right to exist. Israel has the right to secure boundaries, but so do the Palestinians."

"Saddam Hussein is finished. He's been finished for a long time. I don't believe Iraq was ever as strong as they were reputed to be."

Travelling through the Allegheny Mountains

By NEVILLE LEWIS
Staff Writer

Staff Writer Neville Lewis travelled with the Niagara Knights hockey team on the team's recent bus trip to State College, Pennsylvania. Here are his impressions of travelling through Pennsylvania's Allegheny Mountains to State College.

Neither cities of "glitz and glamour" nor the much cliched "life in the fast lane" or cloud-kissing towers lie in wait. Nevertheless, we were bound for America: our destination — State College, Pennsylvania.

On a bleak, sunless chilly winter morning, we loaded the bus. In minutes, 30 people were hitting the highway and crossing the Peace Bridge in Fort Erie, Ont. Buffalo, N.Y. was our next stop after which we left New York state and entered Pennsylvania hardly aware we had crossed statelines. There was nothing to welcome travellers.

Small towns and villages zoomed by without any indication as to their names. Here, place names seem more like an anomaly. As the bus continued its gruelling six-hour journey, some places seemed to appear out of nowhere; others might have acquired its location by a method of sheer random selection.

Communities abound in every twist and turn of the Pennsylvania Allegheny Mountains, but one could drive for miles upon miles without seeing any indication of human presence except for houses.

But trees are everywhere. Leafless oaks, walnuts and hickories intermingle with dead-like ashes, birches and sycamores to create the Allegheny National Forest whose expanse appeared to palm the lofty summits of every mountain and the lowest plain of every valley. The forest embraces every hillside as far as the eyes can see finally becoming lost in a boundless, distant blue horizon.

Crisscrossing the mountains, are numerous trails whose winding paths match only the meandering streams, still half-frozen. Rocky brooks, bird cluttered, icy ponds, cascading rills and flowing rivulets — off-shoots of the mighty Susquehanna River's west branch — are inescapable and make for interesting sightseeing.

'...the forest embraces the hillside as far as the eye can see...'

On the other hand, not so interesting is the abundance of trailer homes. All white, with so much in length and so little in width, they stand as the major component in many neighborhoods which once might have been trailer parks but have since been incorporated into villages and towns with names like Ridgway, Village of Custer City, Brockport and Sandy Ridge.

There is little or no indication of affluence in such communities. Many are several rows of houses stacked one above the other on a hillside off the highway like toys in some childish game.

The hub of social activities often is truckers' stops: a service station which offers "free coffee with fill-up" to truckers; an old, dusty building proclaiming itself as a restaurant displayed an aged, tilted sign in a front window boldly asserts "Yes, we're open"; a flashy signboard reads "hotel at next exit" which turned out to be a seedy run-down two-storey clapboard house surrounded by equally derelict buildings.

Loud murmurs, open amazement and unabashed disbelief greeted these small towns. Some of the Canadians became more outspoken. "How could anyone live in this place?" one baffled traveller asked to no one in particular. "This is worse than the boones. This is definitely the sticks," someone responded from the back. "People must be really poor around here. I wonder how they make a living?" a bespectacled young man asked.

It is no opinion that the towns and villages deep in the Alleghenies are far removed from the southern Ontario Golden Horseshoe area's comparative wealth. The shingled, two storey houses press upon trailer homes which converge on each other as though hell-bent for a head-on collision. Verging on both are red and yellow brick houses whose design recalls another era of meagre fortune.

Modernity and the accustomed Canadian comfort dots the jumbled landscape as new single storey houses stand in stiff, stark contrast to their surroundings of shabby, neglected buildings in dire need of paint.

Sawmills, with stacks of felled timber and freshly cut lumber; mounds, with the debris of coal and clay mining and several smokestacks, with billows of smog rising skywards point out the difference to the rolling vineyards, peach, pear and apple orchards, cornfields and cow-grazing pastures of southern Ontario.

But what the mountain towns lack in material wealth, they make up in spirit. In a region where a billboard announces the nearest McDonalds franchise to be 26 miles away, the war in the Persian Gulf — at least 5,000 miles away, seemed much closer home. From the most battered shelter and the tiniest shack to the most modern residence, Old Glory stands proud.

Around trees, from flagpoles, on lamp-posts and fence posts, as buntings lining an old front porch, the Stars and Stripes of the American flag, with yellow ribbons, declared America to be at war.

In Ridgway, a huge flag drapes an entire wall. Star-spangled streamers and paper flags pasted to a dust covered window offer the only touch of recent inhabitance to a Philipburg's front porch whose tattered, weatherbeaten couch must have seen better days. An old, shingled Johnsonburg house's verandah seemed more like an abandoned used tire depot but carried an array of flags and yellow ribbons in various designs. In the town of Elk County, it was an early Fourth of July.

We went through Kersey and Kylesburg, not knowing we had crossed the stateline but we could not have been more aware that we were in the United States, even in the Allegheny backwoods. With all the "burgs" of Pennsylvania, it would have been impossible. Where else could one see "Guns, ammos, knives. We buy, sell, trade" emblazoned on a wall as in Port Matilda? Where else would one ask for the "restroom" instead of the washroom as in Bradford? And where else could a city thrive on a university as in State College?

At last, after six, long hours of uphill and downhill, we were at our destination: State College, Pennsylvania.

With Penfield, Tyler, Dubois and Clearfield left behind, to us, they were all one and the same: another name for Salamanca and Ellicotville, small towns just inside of the New York stateline. In Ellicotville everything begins and ends at the Washington and Stratford streets junction. After that life remains sunless and the outlook is bleak.

Evidence shows disinterest in women's issues at Niagara

By CATHERINE DENISON
Staff Writer

Niagara College made no plans to recognize International Women's Day today, Bette Ferguson, director of student services, said.

"Women's issues have taken a back seat at the college. I don't know that many of the students are terribly interested."

The absence of women on the Student Administrative Council this year is evidence of this lack of interest, Ms. Ferguson said.

International Women's Day has been celebrated in Canada March 8 since 1975.

Pat Cicci, peer tutoring co-ordinator, said she agrees there is evidence female college students are disinterested in women's issues.

Last year continuing education offered three or four evening courses focusing on women's concerns that didn't operate this year because of a lack of response, she said.

"There's a real apathy out there."

Mrs. Cicci keeps a file on women's issues in the Women's Resource Centre, a special section of the Learning Resource Centre — a file that is rarely used, she said.

"There is very little interest there."

The college did recognize International Women's Day in 1988 and 1989 and it's very likely there was something before that, she said.

A contest was run quizzing students about women's rights issues. Last year she displayed posters sent by the Status of Women in Canada. "I haven't received any this year."

Mrs. Cicci said Student Administrative Council should take the lead in doing something for female students.

Aubrey Bissett, early childhood education instructor, said responsibility for recognizing International Women's Day rests with both faculty and students.

"We have been involved with a change in administration. I can definitely see that the college will take a positive direction (regarding women's issues). The feeling is there for women," said Ms. Bissett, who was involved in the movement to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment in New York state.

A college elective called Herstory was offered several years ago — an indication of an interest in women's issues, she said.

"It just kind of went by the wayside."

Angela North, law and security instructor, said the college should recognize International Women's Day for the benefit of both male and female students. "With regard to the students at Niagara College — both men and women — they don't know rather than they don't care. They don't know that the gains they have made are a result of the women's movement. They just accept the things they enjoy in their lives."

To attribute the college's failure to recognize International Women's Day to student apathy is a cop out, she said. "It is our responsibility as a college to heighten students' awareness. If we're the educators, we have to lead a little bit .... If there's nothing available, they'll never know," Ms. North said.

Students must look for work early

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"It's certainly going to be a challenging summer," Rick Eller, manager of the Canadian Job Strategy Unit in St. Catharines, said. "Someone who wants $10 an hour and won't settle for less is limiting their job prospects."

Mr. Eller said students must start early in their job search, make contact with friends or relatives who may help them get a job, and prepare a proper resume to help make them competitive.

"The demand always exceeds the supply of good jobs," he said.

Mr. Eller said he hopes to get about $900,000 for the Summer Employment/Experience Development program (SEED) for the Niagara Region. This program subsidies students' wages to help create more positions for them. The subsidies are $2.50 per hour for private sector jobs and $4.25 per hour for public sector jobs.

Canada employment centres for students are also a resource. Staffed by students, these centres open in almost every community in the region in mid-April to promote student employment, form a liaison with potential employers and help students find a job.

While federal budget-cutting may squeeze the job strategy unit financially, Mr. Eller said the department still hopes to create good, career-related jobs for students.

"We'll do the best we can with the money we have," he said.

Ms. Guertin said there are opportunities, and many employers have expressed interest in the government programs. The bottom line, however, is that "students will get a good job if they get creative, aggressive and assertive," she said.

"Come in (to the employer) on a daily basis. Don't be timid. Go back and keep asking them if they need someone. Keep reminding them you're interested," she said.

Niagara-on-the-Lake and Niagara Falls are two areas which sometimes have trouble filling jobs due to a lack of students in the area who can travel to those locations. Farms are also employers who are in constant need of employees for the summer. Canada employment runs an agricultural employment office in St. Catharines at 12 Grote St. which handles farm-labor services, she said.

She also recommends those wishing to gain job experience in their field may want to do volunteer work if they cannot find a paying position.

"Volunteer work is important to get your foot in the door because it does count as experience down the road," she said.

William Thomas workshop for serious writers only

By KAREN GIBSON
Staff Writer

What's the difference between a written article and a published article? It could be William Thomas' writer's workshop.

Mr. Thomas will share 13 years of writing and publishing tips in three evening sessions at Niagara College March 12, 19 and 26, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

This Reader's Digest version on professional writing covers column and feature writing for newspapers and magazines, scriptwriting for radio and television, and industrial videos.

Only serious writers need apply for this informative and humorous look at writing as a hobby or for a living. The $101 cost of the workshop is priced to attract "serious writers," Mr. Thomas said.

Writers who want to expand their writing skills as well as their income will get publishing tips on short cuts and mistakes and receive contact names of publishers.

Mr. Thomas began his writing career in 1978 after he quit his job as an audio-visual salesman.

"I hated my job," he said. "So, I spent a year travelling in Europe and wrote articles about wine for two magazines in Canada."

Mr. Thomas' writing experience includes books, columns, movie scripts and radio spots.

The 44-year-old Port Colborne bachelor has some advice for would-be writers.

"Get a real job," he said. "I've only made decent money in the last few years. There were some lean years when I wouldn't have been able to support a family. I've been lucky. I've never had to get a real job."

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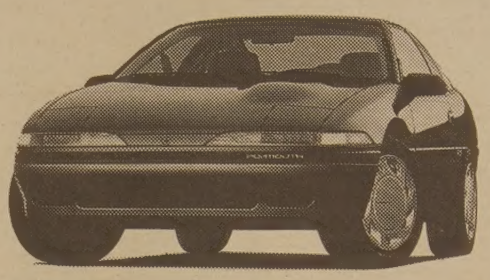

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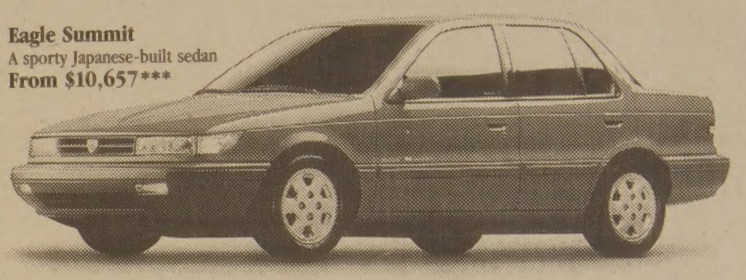

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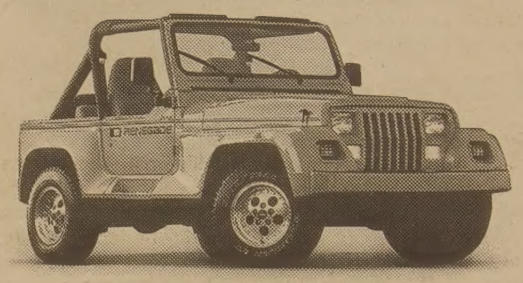

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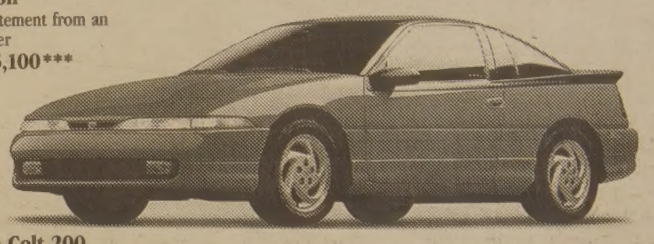

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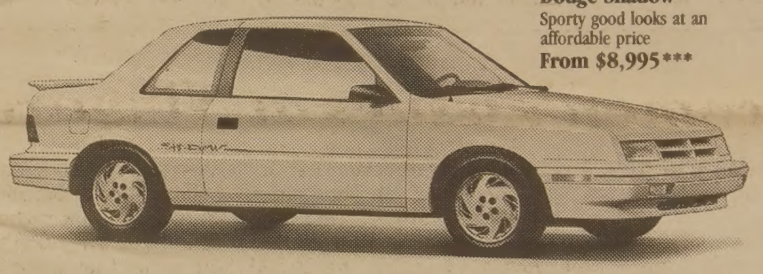

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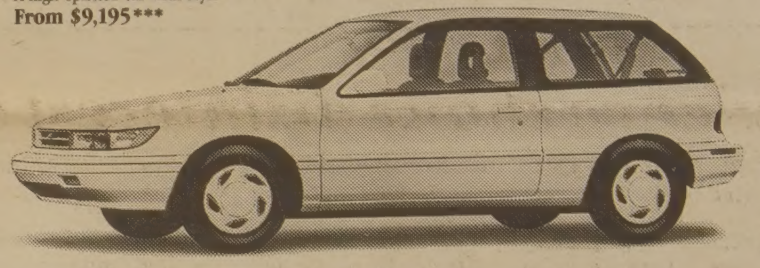

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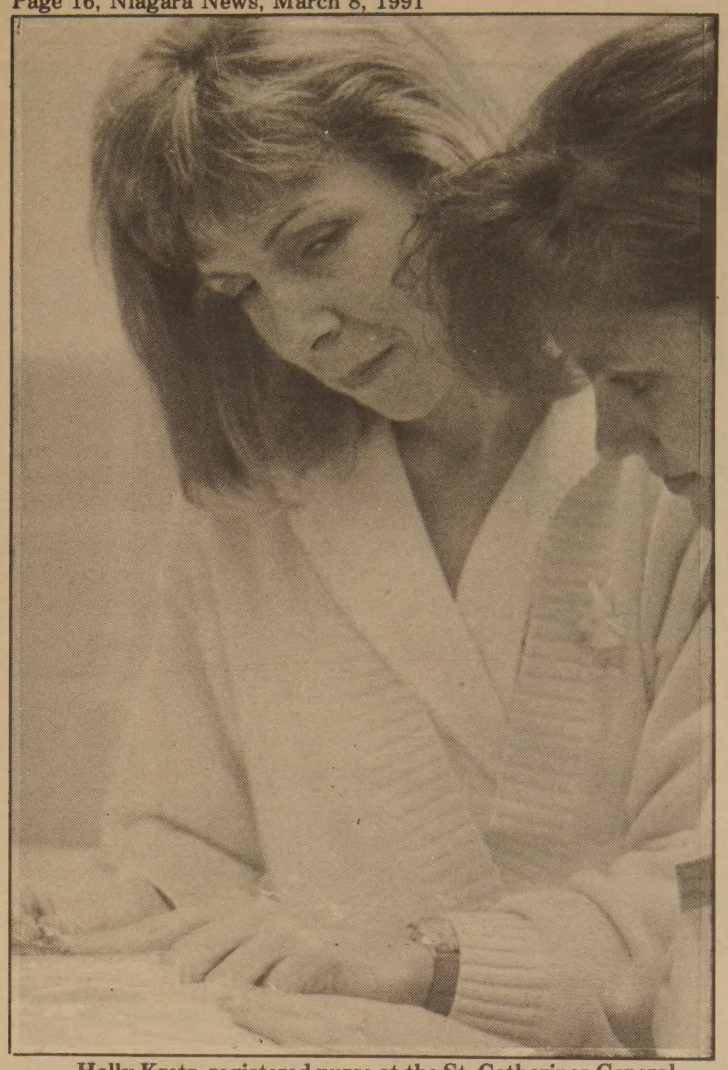

Holly Kretz, registered nurse at the St. Catharines General Hospital (left), shows a tray of intravenous instruments to Cris Reis, third-year RN student at Mack. Miss Kretz and Cris were paired as part of Mack campus' preceptorship program.
Photo by Robbie Craine

New preceptorship program a first at nursing campus

By ROBBIE CRAINE
Staff Writer

Holly Kretz is a registered nurse at the St. Catharines General Hospital. Cris Reis is in the last term of the three-year Registered Nurse program at Mack Campus. The two women have been teamed up as part of Mack's first preceptorship program.

A preceptor is a teacher or mentor. In the preceptorship program, a student is matched with a qualified graduate nurse. This program was run last year as a model to see how it would work. The pilot program was operated at two hospitals.

This year, St. Catharines General Hospital, Greater Niagara General Hospital, West Lincoln Memorial Hospital, and Shaver Hospital are participating in the preceptorship program, Mary Sirotnik, co-ordinator of Year III and curriculum at Mack, said.

"I would say it (preceptorship) is going quite well," she said.

Miss Kretz worked at the Hotel Dieu for four years before starting at the General nine years ago. She is a graduate of Mack.

When Miss Kretz was at Mack, the students worked 40-hour weeks on the day shift. In the preceptorship program, they work the same shifts as their preceptor. The RNs at the General work 12-hour shifts, either 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. or 7 p.m. to 7 a.m., with an occasional 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. or 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. shift.

"They (the students) get a taste of what a real work schedule is like," Miss Kretz said.

"It's reality," Cris added.

Miss Kretz said she felt preceptorship is better for the student. In the past, the responsibility of the students was shared by all the staff on the ward. With preceptorship, the student follows just one Registered Nurse and sees what the workload is like.

Miss Kretz described the students as "scared", fearing the transition from student to nurse. She works with Cris as a partner, explaining procedures to her, demonstrating techniques, and asking Cris what she would do in each situation.

"I don't want the student to assume my way is the (only) right way," Miss Kretz said.

It is important the student understand the principles of the techniques and procedures involved, she said.

"I like the way she does it (demonstrates procedures)," Cris said.

Cris said Miss Kretz knows the material and is "excellent to work with."

Miss Kretz and Cris work on Community Four East. It is classified as an active surgical ward, caring for patients before and after surgery. There are some gynecology, orthopedic, and medical patients as well, Miss Kretz said.

The RNs involved in the preceptorship program were asked to take part, Miss Kretz said. The main problem of the program, she said, is schedules are not modified to allow for teaching time.

"I just feel really rushed."

Miss Kretz said she would like to take more time to give Cris thorough explanations. Unfortunately, Miss Kretz has the same workload as she would have without Cris. Teaching must be squeezed into normal patient care.

Miss Kretz said she thinks preceptors should be given a skills list, signed by Mack instructors, outlining the student's qualifications and any points that need reinforcement. Such a list would let the preceptor know what the student can do and what the student needs extra help on, she said.

The preceptors evaluate their student partners in mid-term and at the end of the term. The preceptor's evaluation helps determine if the student passes or fails.

New vice-president starts job

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Her work experience includes 12 years at the Sunny Brook Medical Hospital in Toronto as director of personnel and labor relations and two years at the Hudson Bay Company in personnel and labor relations. "There's a lot of cross over into this portfolio," she said.

"I've just recently completed a masters of arts degree from Central Michigan University and one of the major focuses of this program was student development," Mrs. Boettcher said. "So I feel that (schooling) has given me some theoretical background in the area of student life and development." She earned her bachelor of arts in history and English from the University of Waterloo.

The student life and human resources portfolio is here to serve Niagara College staff and students with good humor and advice, Mrs. Boettcher said. "I want to hear as much as possible from the college staff and students about what it is they find important."

Away from the college, Mrs. Boettcher has varied interests: playing golf, gardening, walking, reading, attending the theatre, watching football and basketball and spending time with friends.

Mrs. Boettcher first saw the new position advertised in the Globe and Mail. "It seeemed to be a really good combination of activities I had some experience in either practically or academically."

Mrs. Boettcher will live in the Niagara Peninsula during the week and reside in Toronto on weekends. "I could drive back and forth each day but it's important to get to know and be a part of the community," she said.

Too much at the college could be changed before it is known how things work, Mrs. Boettcher believes. "There are a lot of good things about this college. You need to give yourself the opportunity to find that out."

Peace, love and the 25th

The monkey and the twist will be on the dance cards of Niagara College's faculty and staff as the Welland campus cafeteria steps back in time March 23.

A 1960s dance, complete with decorations of record covers, top 10 hits lists and graffiti, has been planned by the college's 25th anniversary committee.

"We have printed 500 tickets for the dance," Irma Cain, Niagara College technology secretary, said. "It would be great if we could sell them all."

Stu Black's Musicmaker D.J.s will provide music from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Costume dress is optional, but a prize for the best 1960s costume for a male and for a female will be awarded.

Pizza and liquor will be sold.

To reserve the $5 tickets, contact Marlene Cain, H26, Welland campus, Ext. 548.

Biting bugs be gone

Thanks to a horticultural breakthrough, you can throw out noxious insect repellants and still keep the mosquitoes away.

A new mosquito-repelling plant called the Citrosa will be promoted at the Horticultural Centre's open house next week, Jim Thompson, technician in charge of greenhouses and grounds, said.

The Citrosa was developed by a Dutch horticulturist and is a genetically engineered cross between the Geranium and the Grass of China which contains the oil of Citronella — an ingredient used widely in insect repellants.

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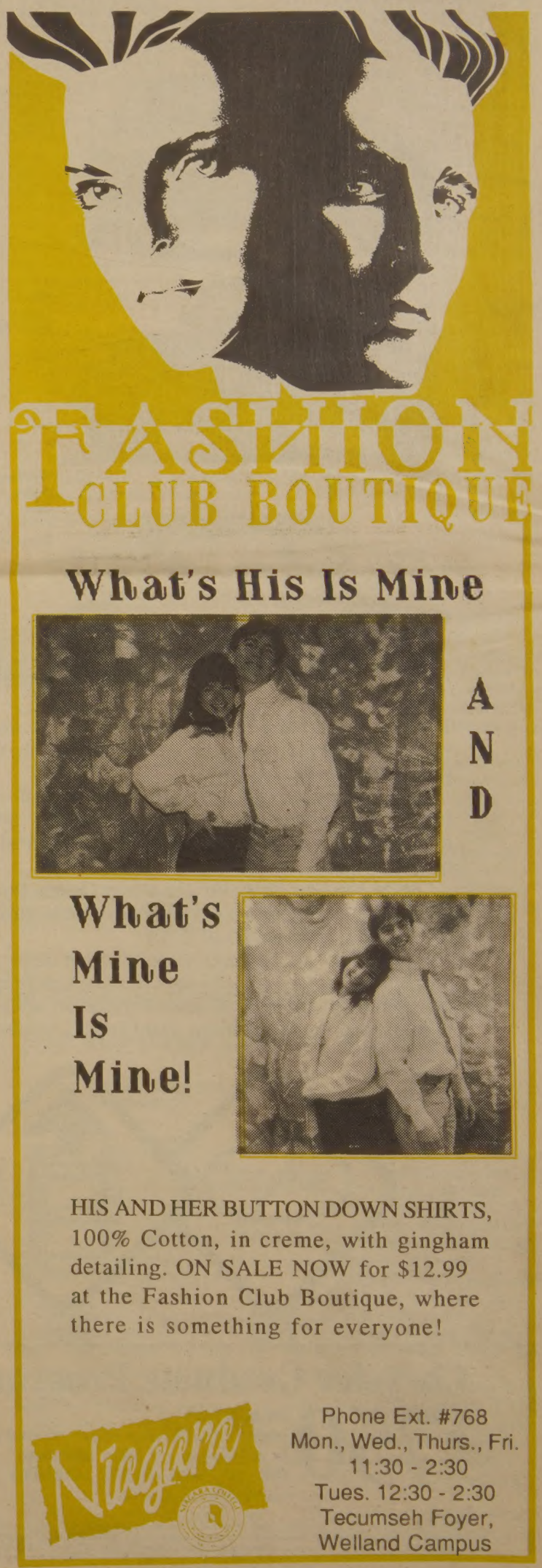
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